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Summons Against Hotel Concludes

The summons against the Hong Kong Hotel, its Managing Director, Mr. F. C. Barry, and the Hotel Manager, Mr. J. H. Ehrlich, with furnishing a false return to the Quartermaster Authority in respect of hotel rates was concluded before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday. After submission by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, KC, counsel for defendants and Mr. A. Hooton, Mr. Lo reserved judgment.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon, KC, instructed by Mr. R. A. Wadson, represented all the defendants, and Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Inspector J. Moore prosecuted.

Submitting that the Hong Kong Hotel, Mr. Barry and Mr. Ehrlich should be discharged, Mr. Sheldon said the question of law is of great importance in regard to the term "permanent and transient" guests.

The question, he had to answer for his clients, said Mr. Sheldon, was whether Room 209 was occupied by a transient guest. If that was so, the prosecution must fail.

Transient Guests

His first submission would be that Mr. and Mrs. Davis were transient guests and the question whether the room had been occupied by a permanent guest had not been proved.

Converted Tanker To Leave

The newly-converted United States Navy tanker Y-21 is due to leave Hong Kong today for her maiden voyage to the Philippines, where she will join the intra-island coastal service.

The reconversion of the Y 21 into a 550-ton freighter began last April as she anchored off the Cosmopolitan Dock near the Shamshuipo Ferry Wharf. Flying the Panamanian flag today, the Y 21 operated actively in the Pacific War Theatre and survived several bombardments by enemy aircraft unscathed.

She was brought to the Colony last March by Captain Hooton with a skeleton all-Philippine crew from Manila. Following her arrival here, two other oil tankers were brought for similar reconversion. Both are undergoing alterations off the Cosmopolitan Dock now, and the Y 8 is expected to be completed early in January. The Y 4 is awaiting work to begin on her.

The Y 21, with Mr. F. Villanueva in command of 14 Filipinos, carries 200 tons of iron for Manila. Grimbale and Company is her local agent.

Each capable of holding 800 tons of oil, the vessel will be able to carry 1,000 tons of dry cargo after the reconversion.

The owners, Madrigal and Company of Manila, are represented in the Colony by Dr. Jose Paterno.

His second submission, which was the same as that concerning Mr. Barry's furnishing a false statement, was that it was never challenged by the prosecution. Regarding the summons against the Hotel, there had not been a word mentioned throughout the whole of the proceedings connecting the hotel.

A limited Company could not be summoned for alleged offences by its management, and therefore the summons again must fail. Furthermore there was nothing to show that the information furnished was in any way false.

Private Arrangements

Room 509 was given to Dr. and Mrs. Davis by private arrangement between Mr. Dimond and the parties concerned, and was not done through the Quartermaster Authority.

Mr. Sheldon then referred to the incident when two police inspectors accompanied Mr. Lewis to the hotel.

The inspectors, he said, began reading out a document relating to hotel regulations. That step adopted by the authorities was most unnecessary.

The summons against the managing director of a company with a capital of nine million dollars, and against the manager of a leading hotel, was in his opinion most shocking.

He submitted that there is no such thing as a motiveless fraud and complete silence on the part of the prosecution in respect of the alleged motives of the defendants clearly indicated that the prosecution could suggest no motive or reason.

He added that the proceedings had not been brought by the prosecution in good faith, and if Mr. Ehrlich had not been biased, when the mistake had been spotted he should have called for an explanation.

Shabby Prosecution

It was a shabby prosecution which should never have been brought, concluded Mr. Sheldon.

Mr. Hooton drew the court's attention to the attack made on the prosecution by defence counsel. The whole question rested with the magistrate to decide whether or not the information furnished was false. It was also for the magistrate to decide whether Mr. Ehrlich was guilty, but if Mr. Barry was not guilty, then the case against the hotel must fail.

He said he was astonished to learn that the prosecution had not been brought in good faith. He drew the magistrate's attention to his decision some time ago that defendants had a case to answer and if the defence considered that the proceedings were not in good faith then there was always a remedy.

Anniversary Stamp Sales

More than HK\$900,000 worth of Royal Silver Wedding Stamps have been sold at the Colony's post offices during the past two days. It was officially learned yesterday.

On Wednesday, when the special stamps were first on sale, HK\$28,000 in HK\$10 stamps and HK\$60,000 in 10-cent stamps were sold at all post offices.

Yesterday's sales were considerably reduced. Very few HK\$10 stamps were sold, and 10-cent stamps bought by the public amounted to HK\$4,200.

Goodwill Message For Blind

A message of goodwill from the blind of America to the blind of the Orient was brought by Dr. Milton T. Stauffer, General Secretary for the John Milton Society of the Blind, who is passing through Hong Kong on his tour.

In a conference with the Press yesterday, Dr. Stauffer said the object of his mission was fivefold.

First he wanted to appeal to the general mass to cast off their ancient superstition about blindness. The hardest thing for the blind to endure was not so much their blindness as the general attitude which the public takes towards their affliction.

Secondly he would meet legislators and Government officials and try to have enlightened legislation made on behalf of the blind and the deaf.

Thirdly he would appeal to the medical profession and the health authorities to set up clinics whose chief function would be the prevention of blindness and deafness.

Elaborating on this point, Dr. Stauffer said that in America and England silver nitrate was invariably used on the eyes of newly born babies to ensure against possible infection.

"Now if we could get this done also in the Orient a good deal of blindness would, I am sure, be avoided," said Dr. Stauffer.

His fourth object, said Dr. Stauffer, was to appeal to industrialists to give recognition to the right of handicapped people to be employed.

He instanced the co-operation of the Ford factories in the United States in this connection, where by they had on their pay-roll the same proportion of handicapped people as there were in the particular community in which they had a factory.

Hong Kong was sadly lacking in vocational training for the blind, said Dr. Stauffer.

The fifth object of his mission was to stress the importance of school for children and extension of the Braille system. He was studying what text books would be required in this connection.

Ex-Gratia Grant For Volunteers

An ex-gratia grant equivalent to the allowance for Overseas Service Benefit Leave to those members of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps who qualify for service, were not repatriated and were demobilised in the Colony has been authorised.

This was announced in the latest orders by Colonel L. T. Ride, Corps Commandant. The orders also made reference to the memory of the Volunteers who died in the defence of the Colony, and as prisoners-of-war, and those who died on service on other fronts.

Colonel Ride wished all ranks of the Corps and their families a Happy Christmas and the best of luck in the New Year.

The orders follow: Overseas Service Benefit Leave. Authority has now been received to pay an ex-gratia grant equivalent to the allowance for Overseas Service Benefit Leave to those members of the HKVDC who qualify by service, were not repatriated, and who were demobilised in the Colony.

The rate paid will be on the basis of one day's full pay and allowances for every completed month of service.

Volunteers who consider themselves eligible for this benefit are requested to submit their applications for payment to the Adjutant. They will be notified individually when to call for payment.

Volunteers who were deemed to have been demobilised on December 25, 1941, and who have received the ex-gratia grant are not entitled to this benefit.

Holiday HKVDC Headquarters, Lower Albert Road, will be closed on Saturday and Monday.

Strength-Decrease: 2857 Sgt. Hall, G.A.V., Field Coy Engineers; 4673 Pte. Yap Pitt-van, Field Ambulance; 4350 Gnr. Marshall, G.L., 1st Battery.

Sergeant's Mess: The Sergeant's Mess will be "At Home" to their

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Immigration Department

Sir—With the coming of the New Year, when new resolutions are made by most of us, I sincerely hope that the petty autocrat in the local Immigration Department will resolve to be more helpful and civil to those unfortunate who are forced to come into contact with them.

A VICTIM.

That's Right, You're Wrong

Sir,—On the front page of the China Mail of Tuesday, you published reproductions of tickets of a certain organisation, which you state "are on the borderline of what may or may not constitute a raffle."

Why single out this organisation for quite unnecessary publicity? I assume your worthy paper claims to be impartial.

If my assumption is correct perhaps you will be good enough to reproduce in your paper tickets, "on the borderline of what may or may not constitute a raffle," sold by a certain club of which your Editor-in-Chief is a respected member.

I purchased some of these tickets and I was lucky enough to win a prize.

Again, I possess tickets sold by another local club and which did not win a prize.

I suggest one of your reporters may have been present when some of these latter tickets were sold.

Why not play "cricket"?

L. BONES.
I have protested sharply against the official refusal to permit raffles for charitable purposes, and were certainly not attacking or condemning the St. John Ambulance Brigade.—Ed-1

BAD CHARACTERS ARRESTED

Seventeen men, described by the police as bad characters, were arrested yesterday following a dawn raid on some 100 huts between Kennedy Road and Queen's Road East.

Three of the men had unlawful instruments in their possession.

The combined plain clothes and uniformed police raid was carried out by Divisional Superintendent T. E. Clunie, Detective Inspector Sykes, Chief Inspector Cunningham, Inspector Heyward and a party of detectives and constables.

Evidence Against Ex-Warders

"I know the people in the Remand Prison better than Timothy Din. If you give me some money I will take them to drink tea. They are all my good friends."

The above was, according to Tong Yat, a fink of the Ah Tunz Electric Shop of 181 Cheungshuiwan Road, spoken by Jose Maria dos Azedo, ex-warder of Victoria Remand Prison, after they had tea with "Din" at the Sing Chau Cafe on the night of August 11.

Tong was giving evidence before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, at Kowloon yesterday at the continued committal proceedings against Din (warder 341), Gussay Marin dos Santos (warder 130), Sapto Ahmed alias Hak Chai (Dark Boy) (warder 342) and Azedo, on 15 counts of extortion and malfeasance of office between August 8 and August 18.

According to the prosecution, conducted by DSI D. S. Roberts, defendants collected a total of \$200 from Fung Yuk, the wife of Ho Yuk, during the time Ho was on remand at the Remand Prison, as protection against his being assaulted in the prison.

Chan Sal, an electrician and a very good friend of Ho Yuk, testified yesterday that he went to Ho's shop at 181 Cheungshuiwan Road on the afternoon of August 13 and there saw "a small man who looked like a Portuguese (third accused) talking to Fung Yuk."

Had Previously Met

Witness said that he knew the visitor as they had previously met when he, witness, was posted for Special Constable duty at the Victoria Barracks where Ahmed was then employed.

Fung told him, said witness, that Ahmed and others often went to the shop and asked for money. He told Ahmed that that could not be done, to which, witness alleged, Ahmed replied, "You know very well that the money is not for me but also for some others."

On the Chinese Devil Festival (August 15) he was having the

evening meal at Fung's shop when the second accused entered the shop and talked to Fung. As the result of the conversation, Fung went into the kitchen, returning soon after with some banknotes in her hands.

After she had handed the money to Santos, second accused took a piece of paper from his pocket, wrote something on it, and handed it to the shop mistress. Detectives then came out from an inner room and from behind the counter and took Santos into custody.

Tong Yat, an employee of Ho Luk, testified to having been asked by his master's wife to hand over \$50 to Din on the morning of August 9, and to giving \$20 to Santos shortly before noon on August 11.

About 8 p.m. on the same night, continued witness, first and fourth accused went to the shop. Din entered the shop, while Azedo stood outside. He was invited to go with them to the Sing Chau Cafe to "drink tea."

Badly Assaulted

While in the cafe, alleged witness, Din told him that Ho Luk had been very badly assaulted on the previous night. He asked Din, "Please look after him. Tell your friends not to assault him."

First defendant, said witness, replied, "That is easy. But I need money to bring them to drink tea." The four accused, it was alleged, added, "That is right. The

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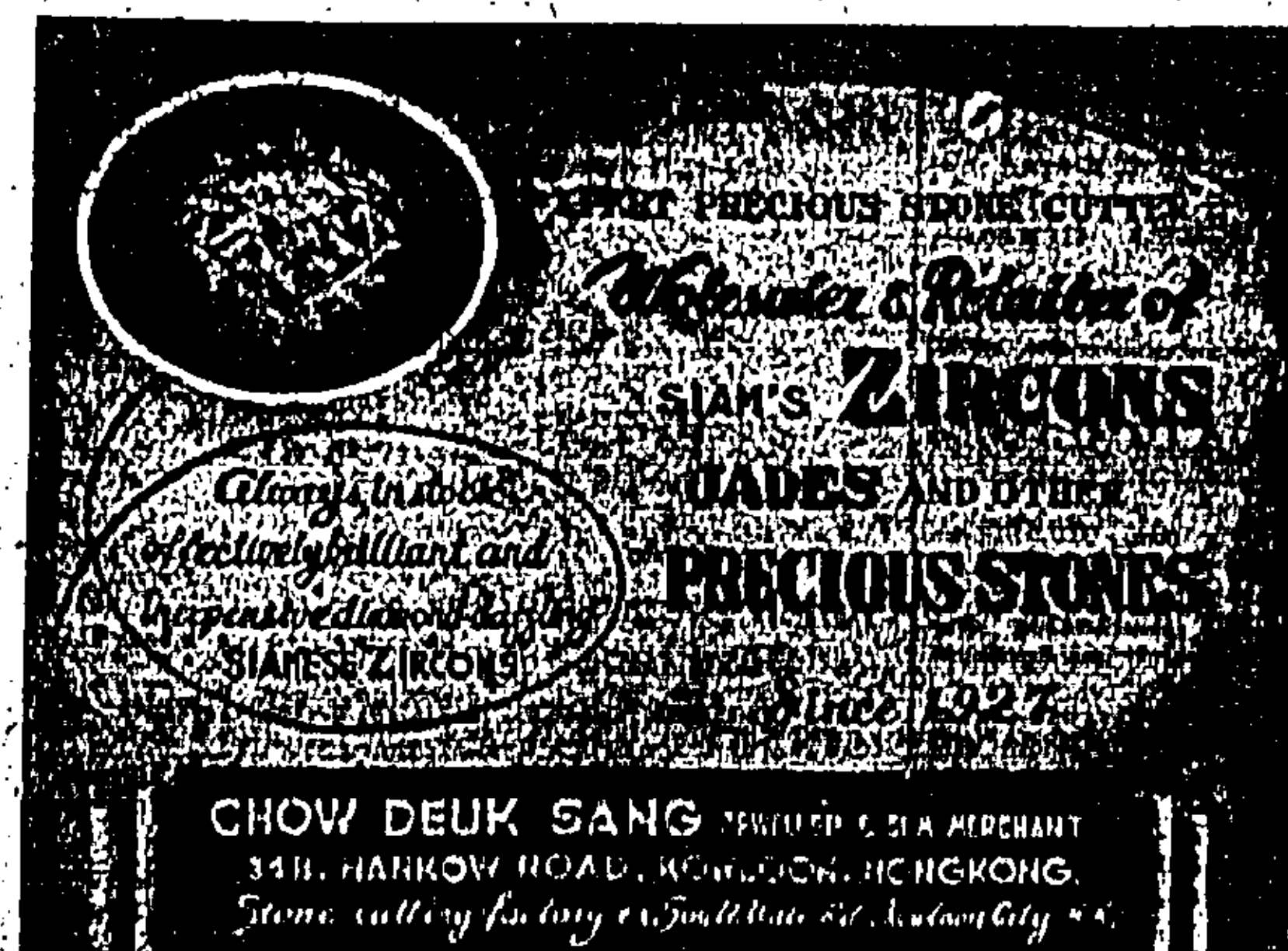
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Tug, Lighter Company's Meeting

At yesterday's annual general meeting of the Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited, payment of a dividend of £10 on the Ordinary Shares, recommended by the Directors, was approved.

The Chairman in his report said that it must not be assumed that the proposed conversion of the company's capital from Taels to the currency in which operation is possible, renders remote the possibility of liquidation.

Present at the meeting were Messrs G. E. Marden, Chairman, C. Blaker, F. S. Cassidy, F. J. Norman-Fisher, V. K. Song (Directors) and shareholders representing 8,539 Preference Shares and 25,761 Ordinary Shares.

The Chairman's report covering 15 months ended March 31 last follows:

"Under the new Companies Act in the United Kingdom it becomes necessary for the local assets of parent and subsidiary companies to coincide and your Directors have decided to give effect to this provision of the Act in advance of it becoming compulsory to do so.

"None of the Company's former activities were resumed during the year and such resumption is not under consideration. It is possible however, that certain connected companies may decide to operate in South China and this may eventually lead to some form of co-operation between us. This prospect however, is by no means definite and conditions are such that in any event we should exercise caution before embarking upon any large capital expenditure.

"The contingency does, however, make it desirable to convert our capital from Taels to the currency in which operation is possible and this desirability is strengthened by the fact that Chinese National Currency in which our Balance Sheet is expressed, has since the close of our year, been replaced by a new unit, the Gold Yuan, into which the old Gold Yuan, at the rate of three millions to one. This in turn has depreciated since it was issued so that at present it is worth, in the open market, little more than 10 per cent of its face value.

"Your Directors have decided therefore to proceed with the capital conversion, and as owing to the existence of two classes of shares, separate meetings will be necessary, notices are in course of preparation and will be forwarded to shareholders.

"The basis of conversions recommended will be that of par values in 1941, the Preference share of Tls 50 becoming HK\$14 and the Ordinary share of Tls 25 becoming HK\$7. All the original conditions as to dividend and voting rights will be maintained and preference dividend accruing from the date of conversion will be payable in Hong Kong dollars.

"It must not be assumed that the proposed capital conversion renders remote the possibility of liquidation and this will continue to be governed by the prospects of resumption of business.

"As I informed you last year, all Ordinary shares except one are beneficially owned by our parent company, Wheelock Marden and Company, Limited, and their holding of our Preference shares now exceeds 87 per cent. They inform your Board that they have withdrawn their previous offer to purchase additional Preference shares at HK\$20 (£1, 5, 0) a share cum all

Facilities for Hong Kong's manufacturers and merchants who have no passports or travel documents to visit the British Industries Fair on May 2 next year will be provided by the Hong Kong Committee.

Police Want Information

Any person who witnessed an accident on Lai-chikok Road at 6.20 p.m. on November 26, when an elderly Chinese mendicant was knocked down by a motor bus, and received fatal injuries, should communicate with Shamshuipo Police Station or any other Police Station.

dividends since 1941, but where shareholders were prevented by legal difficulties, exchange regulations or other reasons approved by them such as non receipt of Circulars, they would be willing at present to accept offers of shares made to them at the same price.

Illusory Profit

"Turning to the Profit and Loss Account, the items on the credit side are self explanatory, but the large profit on exchange shown is quite illusory, being simply due to the further depreciation of the China National Dollar, our last Balance Sheet having a conversion rate of CN\$13,440 to the Pound against no less than \$1,000,000 in the case of the current one. On the other side you will notice provisions for Depreciation, Shipping Venture and Bad Debts, this last item being principally in respect of a disputed debt.

"Taking the Balance Sheet, although there are large increases in the figures of Assets, this is due to the exchange rate and in fact certain items have been written down as I indicated when discussing the Profit and Loss Account.

"Liquidation of the joint venture is proceeding very slowly owing largely to conditions in China and it has been considered prudent to make further provision in respect of this asset. There has been little actual change in the current assets. On the other side similarly the increased figures do not represent proportionately increased liabilities and are largely unchanged except for sundry creditors which are increased by certain amounts accrued in respect of previous years trading. Most of this item has since been paid.

"Provision has been made for the Preference dividend and from the balance your Directors recommend the payment of a dividend of £10 a share on the Ordinary Shares, absorbing some four hundred and sixteen billions of the balance of the Profit and Loss Appropriation Account."

The meeting resolved that a dividend of 7% a year be paid, in respect of the period of 15 months ended March 31, 1948, to the Registered holders on December 23, 1948, of the Cumulative Preference Shares of the Company.

It also resolved that the balance standing to the credit of the Profit and Loss Appropriation Account amounting to CN\$808,823,524,503 be dealt with as follows:—To pay a dividend of £10 per share absorbing CN\$410,112,000,000 to the registered holders on December 23, 1948, of the 26,007 Ordinary Shares issued and outstanding, at March 31, 1948 and that this dividend shall be paid out of such part of the profits accumulated prior to March 31, 1948, as are available after Hong Kong Corporation Profits Tax, to carry forward CN\$392,511,523,503.

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The Marine Department announced yesterday that, until further notice, underwater explosive charges may be detonated during the first 15 minutes of each hour, in connection with the removal of the wreck of ss. Chung Wo now lying in Sam Ka Tsui Bay.

The masters of all vessels are warned that this area should be given a wide berth.

Personalia

Mr. R. M. Aitken Quack, M. Vinud, Mme. Vinud, M. Vrint and Mme. Bruyere arrived in the Colony yesterday from Saigon by Air France.

Miss C. S. Ballweg, Messrs. Um Yun-heing, Lee Yung-koo, Kim Haei-su, Han Sang-tai and Sul Kyung-dong left for Incheon, Korea, yesterday by the Jsa. Hunan.

Among the many passengers who left for Canton yesterday by the ss. Fatshan were Messrs. A. R. Potter, F. J. Cleme, F. S. Geldart, F. H. Sargent, and R. C. Boyd.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday included Mrs. N. De Noel, Mrs. G. M. Ettinger, Mrs. C. A. De Luo, Mrs. L. Moore, Messrs. E. M. Allison, D. E. Dreese, F. A. Jullien, Y. P. Koo, H. R. Vakil, O. R. Flitz, L. J. Goleilly, C. F. Lambert, P. Kreil, E. Guevara, W. L. Bond, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Kalan.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Che, Mrs. F. Bartler, Mrs. R. Kraemer, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Heriman, Messrs. D. M. Gomez, F. L. Evans, C. K. Huston, C. L. Suen, M. R. Sinnott, and J. Epstein.

WEDDINGS

The wedding took place yesterday at the Supreme Court Marriage Registrar's Office of Mr. Ian Hamilton Gibson, engineer, of 50 Macdonnell Road, and Miss Myra Enid Eliecher, teacher, of 68 Macdonnell Road, in the presence of Miss L. E. Marchbank and Mr. M. C. Stockdale.

The wedding took place at the Supreme Court Marriage Registrar's Office yesterday of Mr. Ho Yuen-pui, clerk of Central Magistracy, Hong Kong, and Miss Lo Ko-ping.

Mr. Reginald Fraser Malcolmson, CMC of Marina House, Queen's Road Central, and Miss Joan Ann Gladys Franklin, ATS of 20 Macdonnell Road, were married at the Supreme Court Marriage Registrar's Office yesterday. Witnesses were O. Karlson and G. Beasley.

Flight Lieutenant W. Bastin, Squadron Leaders A. F. Peterson and C. V. Haines.

Big Game Hunter Leaves For Elephant Roundup

Leaving Hong Kong today by plane for Bangkok to conduct a large-scale elephant roundup in Siamese jungles is Mr. Noel Rosefelt, Far Eastern representative of the Catalina Wild Life Expeditions.

Mr. Rosefelt arrived here by plane from Manila on Wednesday after delivering a shipment of wild animals, including six elephants, tropical birds and reptiles at Catalina Island.

A motion picture in Technicolor will be taken of the safari and will probably be released as a travelogue. For this assignment, Mr. George Emerson of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer is visiting the Far East early next year.

About 50 natives will be employed in rounding up the elephants. They will use flares and drive the herd into a specially constructed stockade. The best 12 will be chosen and shipped home.

The American hunter is also collecting various kinds of tropical birds. He is rounding up about 1,000 birds of five varieties in Hong Kong, including the Pekin robin and green fishers. The birds will be flown to the Honolulu City Zoo.

Mr. Rosefelt said he would send a small shipment of elephants and birds within six weeks to America. From the Javanese jungles, he will hunt orang utans, tigers and rhinoceros.

During his safaris, he will attempt to bring home the rare "elephant trunk" snakes. This variety looks like an elephant trunk and grows as long as two yards with a diameter of a foot. The head is similar to the nose end of the elephant trunk.

Mr. Rosefelt told the "China Mail" that he lost 50 per cent of his last shipment en route from Bangkok via Hong Kong to Catalina Island. Lack of food and sudden changes of temperature during the trip killed many of his birds, and three elephants died.

About 1,000 miles from San Francisco, there was no food left and Mr. Rosefelt said he had to charter a special United States Navy airplane to drop food. The flight cost about US\$20,000. The plane dropped 12 cases of hay and a box of worms. For the occasion, the Navy named each of the six elephants on their arrival at San Francisco, where Les Barker, Hollywood's latest Tarzan, posed for Pressmen and newscamers.

En route they gave a show to the Guamanians. More than 10,000 natives boarded the ship to see

the "wonders of the world," he said.

"I have one regret to mention," Mr. Rosefelt said yesterday. He recalled the death of Grace Wiley, the only snake woman in the world, by the bite of a King cobra while she was taking movie pictures with it, the Siamese jungles.

Accept our warmest Greetings and very Best Wishes for a Very Happy Christmas!

Reminders

Today

Midnight Masses at all Catholic Churches.
Midnight Eucharist (sung), St. John's Cathedral, 11.30 p.m.
Midnight Communion, St. Andrew's Church, 11.30 p.m.
Crown Land Sale, Kowloon Magistracy Bldg., 11 a.m.
Exhibition of French Paintings, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel.
Gala Dinner Dance, H.K. Hotel.
Special Dinner Dances at Peninsula Hotel and Repulse Bay Hotel.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
International Charity Cup Soccer match, China versus Scotland, Caroline Hill, 3.30 p.m.
Distribution of parcels to the poor, at St. Margaret's Church, Happy Valley, 12 noon.
Children's party at 2 p.m.
Special Tea Dance at Repulse Bay Hotel, 5 p.m.
Dinner Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel.

SUNDAY
International Charity Cup Soccer Match, England versus Portugal, Club Ground, 3.30 p.m.
Polo & Hunt Club paper chase, New Territories, assembling at Bee's Stables, 12 noon.
Recreation Children's Party, King's Park, 1.30 p.m.
Special Tea Dance, Repulse Bay Hotel, 5 p.m.
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COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

December 23, 1948.

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Authority.—Marine Department, Hong Kong.

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MUST KNOW SQUEEZES

IF YOU are one of those players who is going to attempt to outscore his opponents by choosing No Trump contracts when other declarers select trump suits, you must know your squeeze plays. On lots of hands, especially those involving slam contracts, the skillful player manages to amass enough tricks by taking one or more through ruffing out losers. The No Trumpers manifestly cannot do that. So, if enough tricks for his objective are not otherwise in sight, his sole recourse is to a squeeze effort.

S 10 2
H K Q 9 8 7 6
D A Q 8
C K 2
S K Q J 9
8 7
H 2
D K 10 9
C 4 3
S 10 2
H K Q 9 8 7 6
D A Q 8
C K 2
S K Q J 9
8 7
H 2
D K 10 9
C 4 3

(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable).

South West North East

1 C 1 S 2 H Pass

1 C 3 S 4 H Pass

4 NT Pass 5 D Pass

3 NT Pass 6 H Pass

7 NT Dbl

After the Blackwood told him North had two kings and an ace, Herbert J. Gest of Norfolk, Va., chose his favourite No Trumps for his objective are not otherwise played in suits. The heart contractors made it by finessing the club, discarding a spade on the third club, ruffing a fourth club,

discarding a diamond on the fifth club and then finessing diamonds. The club declarer scored by a grand coup against East, ruffing a fourth heart to shorten trumps, finessing diamonds for an extra dummy entry, discarding a diamond on the next heart and so trapping East's club Q.

In No Trumps none of those methods could be used. After the spade K lead to the A, Mr. Gest took six heart tricks, the club K, finessed the club J, and then led the club A. That squeezed West, who had doubled. The South hand then also held three diamonds and dummy three plus the spade 10 West clung to the spade Q to guard the 10, so had to discard one of his three diamonds. Then the diamond finesse won, the A fell and the K and the J took the final trick.

Tomorrow's Problem

S Q J 6 4 3
H K Q 4
D Q 7
C K 8 5

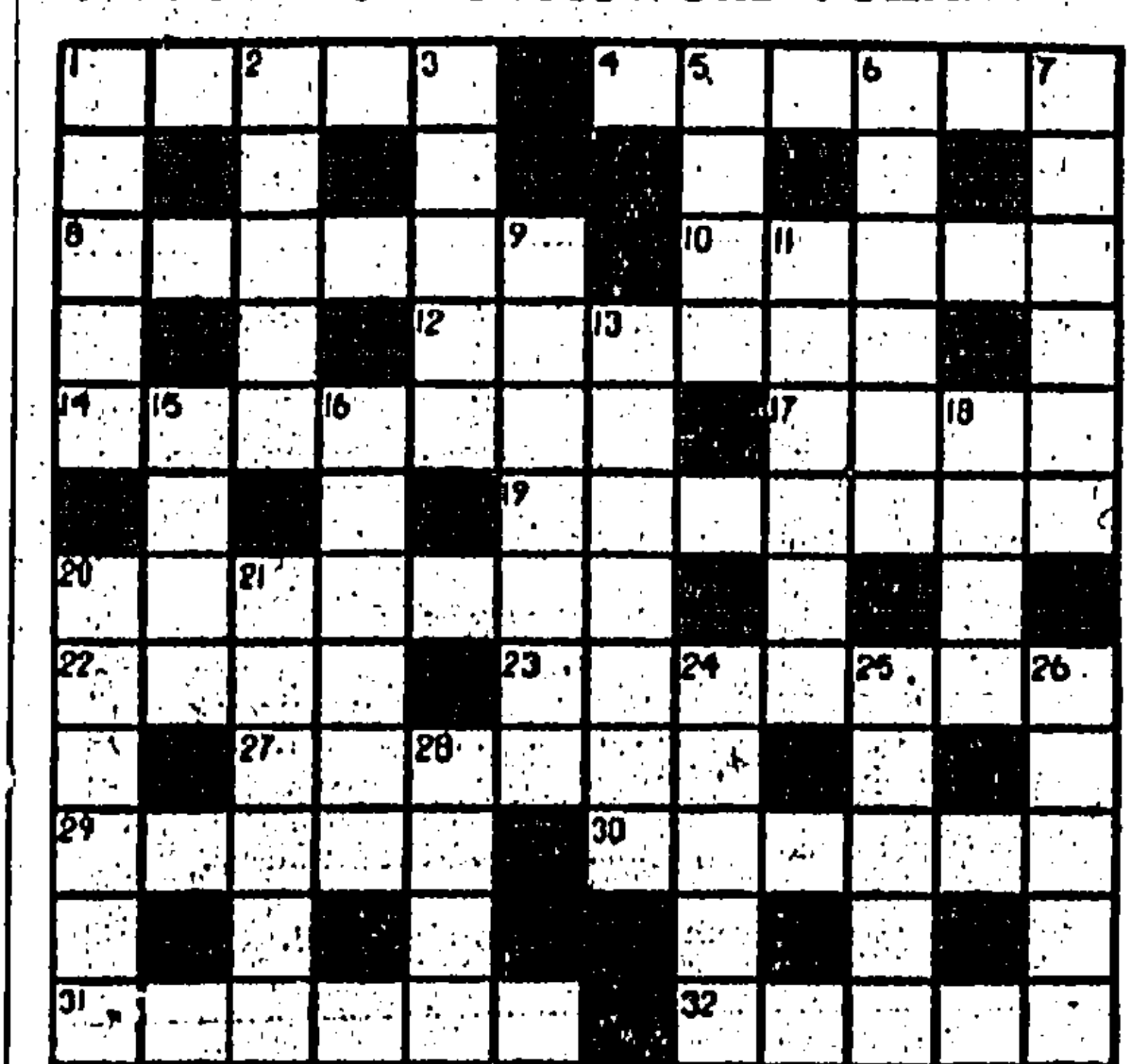
S 10 8 7 5
N W E D A 10 9
C 7 0 2

S A
H A 10 8 7 5
D 6 3
C A J 9 4 3

(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable).

What advantage has the Blackwood convention over the Culbertson 4-5 No Trump convention on a deal like this?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

1 Foundation. 22 Got up. 23 Discouraged. 24 Equine gait. 27 Arranges, as feathers. 28 Speaker. 29 Earliest. 30 Inn. 31 Attempting. 32 Follow.

Down

1 False. 2 Find the solution. 3 Track. 4 Tidy. 5 Rude. 6 High. 7 Pitched. 8 Go before. 9 Idea. 10 Famous. 11 Unyielding. 12 School. 13 Chief player. 14 Red-hot. 15 Wash. 16 Gain. 17 Fish-hawk. 18 Custom. 19 Lock. 20 Stupid. 21 Famous. 22 School.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS: 1 Enraptured. 3 Plan. 4 Regulate. 11 Disputed. 13 Less. 14 Split. 15 Resonant. 16 Blame. 21 Deferred. 23 Confides. 24 Evenly. 25 Sonnet.

DOWN: 1 Sped. 2 Dale. 4 Meet. 5 Laid. 6 Trade. 7 Dregs. 8 Ruler. 10 Genus. 12 Impel. 14 Sings. 16 Feted. 17 Loves. 18 Sacks. 20 Annul. 21 Diet. 22 Fear. 23 Room. 24 Durd.

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CINEMA WORLD

NOT AGED BUT SLOWLY AGING

In "Easter Parade", the Christmas offering at the Queen's, there is a very good actor, a very attractive dancer and a lot of pretty fair music. The actor is Jules Munshin, a comedian of whom we shall see a lot more, no doubt. Ann Miller is the attractive dancer with the long legs and vacant expression. The music is by Irving Berlin.

Present, too, in almost every scene, are Fred Astaire and Judy Garland. Without any more shilly-shallying, let us come right out and face it. Our Fred is not the lissome youth he was 20 or 30 years ago. Our Judy, on the other hand, is not particularly aged, but she looks as though she may be at any moment.

There is still no cause to sneer at Fred Astaire's dancing. There can be very few dancers living who can put it across with quite the Astaire style. But the dances he does today are not those of yesterday. These are a shade more sedate—less of the careless rapture and more of the studied elegance. Nevertheless, it would be hard to pick Mr. Astaire's as by watching his dancing. It is only when he walks around non-mally that it becomes apparent.

The spring, intensely alive, athlete's carriage, has become the slightly stooped posture of a man who cannot fight off the years any longer. Time has treated the Astaire figure well. No pot-bellied plonder, he. But what reticently he has avoided in the middle section has evinced itself in those malhairs under his eyes.

To the true Astaire fan, all this is going to be a little depressing. His standard was once so high that the lowering of it, by how ever little, is constantly evident. The whole plan of the film is obviously designed to cover the fault. When the story starts Don

floor-show Don Hewes picks Hannah Brown (Judy Garland). He is a little woozy from drowning his sorrows at the time, and is slightly more woozy when he discovers just how little Miss Brown knows about dancing. He eventually works out several more or less comedy routines which the two of them perform. This, once again, obviates the necessity for too many of those magnificent, athletic masterpieces in rhythm which were once the Astaire specialty.

And so it goes on. Peter Lawford is present in a nebulous role which supplies some sort of balance in the romantic angle of

the story. Just where his curious pseudo-public-school approach to life fits in with the Broadway scene it is hard to imagine. One can only assume that his very presence causes the fluttering of the female hearts in the audience to grow a little more pronounced.

Withal, there is entertainment to be found here. In fact, with the senses dulled from Christmas gorging and the critical faculties blunted by a potent potion or two it may even appear good. (MGM).

BALLADS WITH A BROGUE

What with the blarney pourin' thick and strong, a wild Irish rose flashin' her emerald eyes and dear old Mither Mchree fair terin' the tears from your heart, it's a rich crop of four-leaved clovers that's likely to be burstin' from the daises of the Lee theatre come Christmas Day, pushin' their sweet freshness through the chestnut shells and fag-ends and mingling their subtle scent with the rich and tangy odour of the peat bogs drippin' from the silver screen.

Not mind you that "My Wild Irish Rose" has anything to do with Elre (commonly referred to in epics of this sort as "dear old Ireland"). It is solely concerned with the early days of vaudeville in New York in general, and with the activities of the American-born composer and singer of ballads, Chauncey Olcott (Dennis Morgan) in particular.

However, lest it be said that the whole thing is a fraud, it must be pointed out promptly that in the cast is an O'Brien,

Mr. O'Morgan



Dennis Morgan as an Irish ballad singer and composer.

O'Shea, a McGuire, and Donovan.

However many Irish names there may be, the brogues are plentiful and fruity. And, anyway, who cares as long as there is plenty of music, mostly well-remembered and well-loved, and any amount of dancing to keep the action going.

This ballad-singer has a moderately eventful rise to fame, with the famous beauty of the time, Lillian Russell (Andrea King) playing her curvy part in it. After initial failure with Miss Russell, friend Olcott, calling himself Jack Chancellor for some unknown reason, meets the flower of Gaelic womanhood which is Rose Donovan (Arlene Dahl) and his soft Irish heart twangs like the original harp.

The note goes a little sour when a fiance turns up. Several complications arrange themselves, one of which permits our hero to do a blackface act in oddity enough, the highway to his success as a ballad singer, then it's this film you'll be after seeing. (Warner).

Murder In A Circus

The old story of the identical twins, one of whom commits a murder, is brought up for another thrashing in "Dual Alibi", a British National Picture coming to the King's shortly. This theme was brought to the zenith of its success as a film story by Olivia de Havilland in "The Dark Mirror". Even without that overshadowing comparison, however, the present rendering would not be likely to start the bells ringing throughout the country.

Nevertheless, it has its points. Herbert Lom (last seen here as the shady night club proprietor in "Good Time Girl"), who plays Georges and Jules de Lises, a twin brother trapeze act in a circus and is perhaps more notable for his over-acting than anything else, is yet pretty convincing in his dual role.

The circus setting serves to provide relief from the strain of following the plot which is all mixed up with the ownership of a winning French lottery ticket by one of the twins, and the efforts of other people to receive him of its burden.

Female lead in this sawdust saraband is none other than Phyllis Dixey, whose chief claim to fame to date (and not inconsiderable fame at that) has been her ability as a fan dancer. Not only Londoners, but many thousands of servicemen from the Dominions and the States, will no doubt recall the various features of her person with admiration after having seen them in her subtly-titled show "Peek-A-Boo", at the Whitehall Theatre, London.

of G.W., and the story begins to wind up its loose ends.

In effect "Rose" is a vaudeville show, old style, tied together by means of a story which may be the true experiences of the original Chauncey Olcott but is no more exciting for that.

However, if it's sentimental nonsense you'll be wanting, and vocal sugar enough to sweeten the bitterest ear, and enough laughs to keep you from being mesmerised entirely by the songs, then it's this film you'll be after seeing. (Warner).



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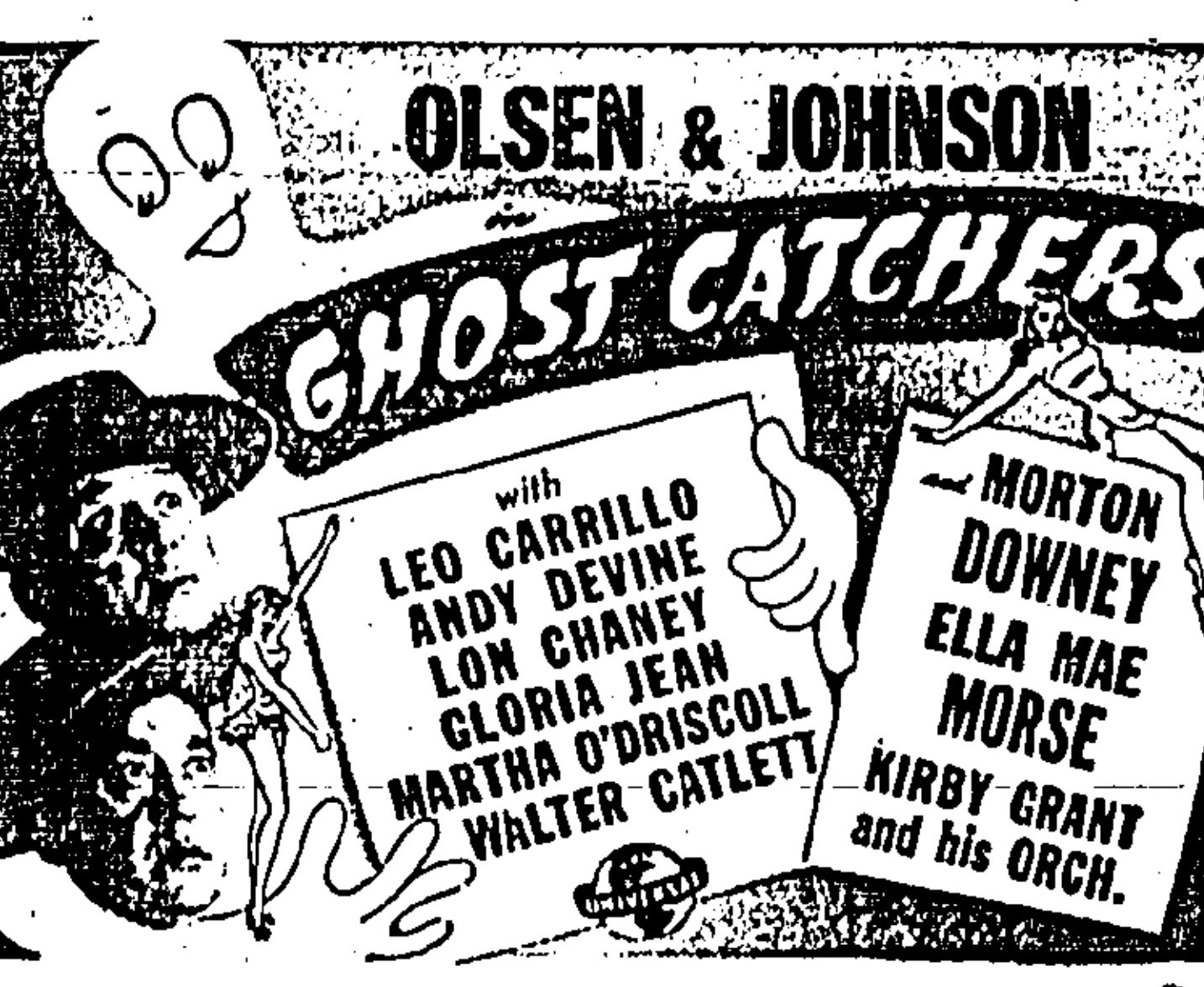
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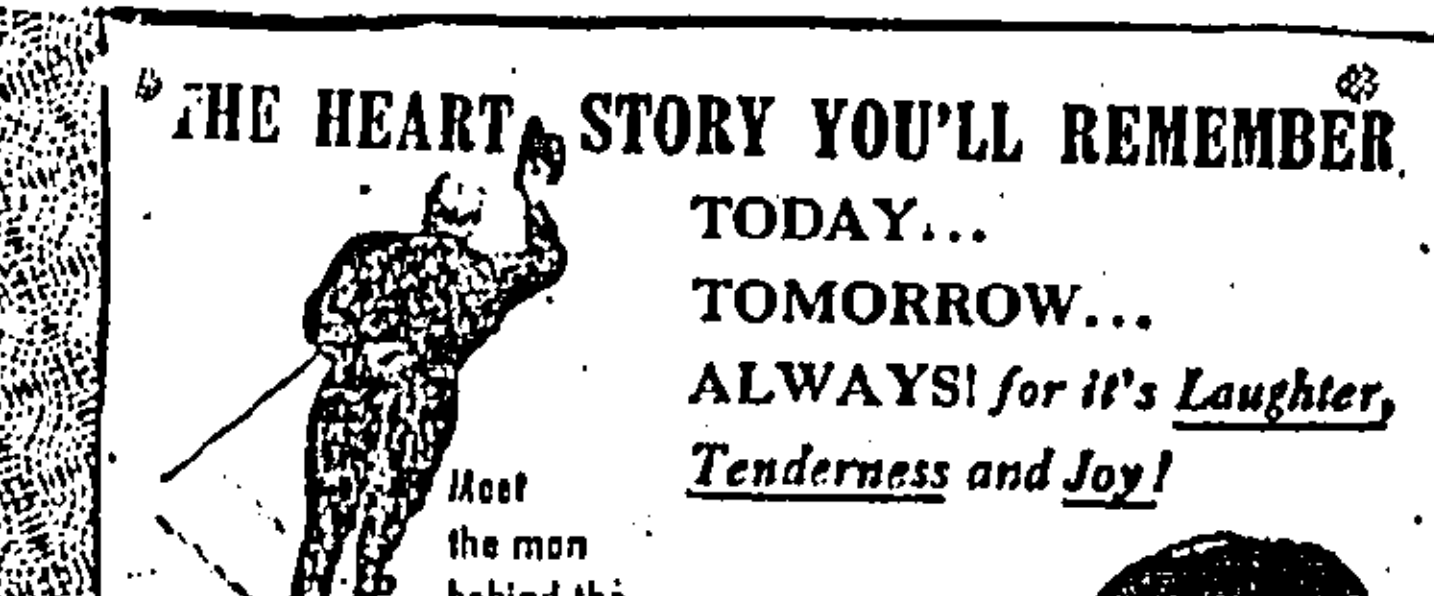
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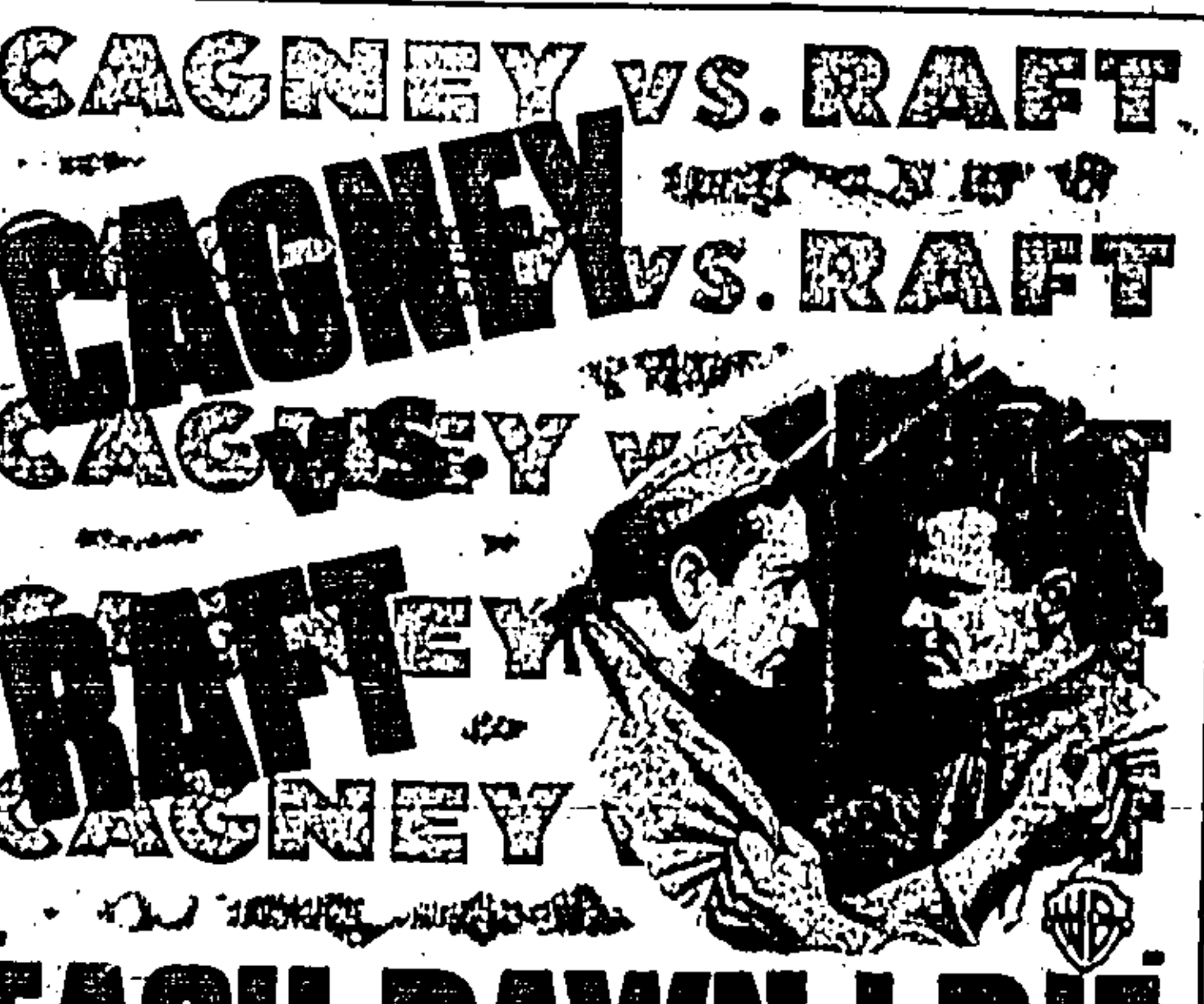
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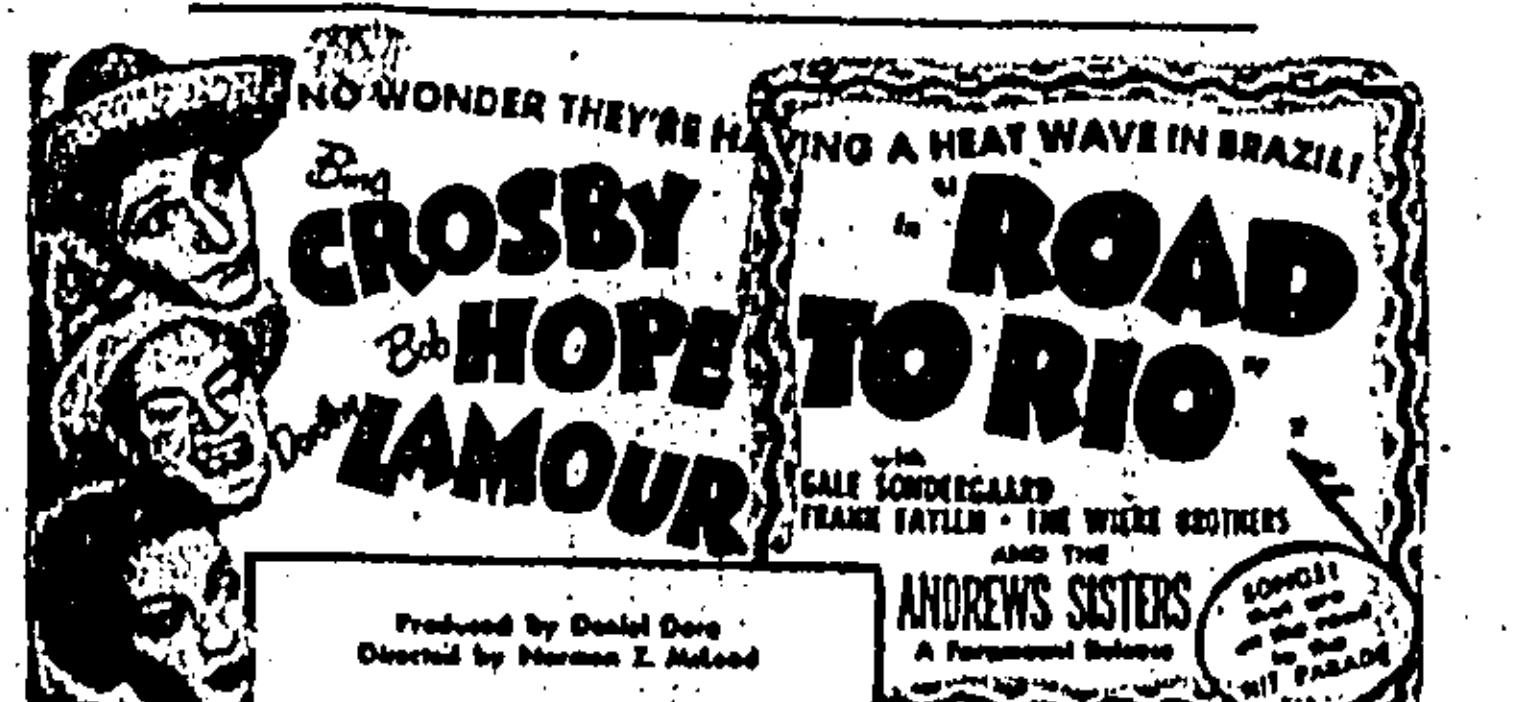
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An interesting example of this experimentation was a new method for using the Bangalore torpedo. These torpedoes are nothing but long tubes filled with explosive. These thrust out into a mine field and upon detonation explode all the mines planted along the length of the torpedo. These had long been used in warfare but the British came forward with a novel way of employing them. They did this by covering a Sherman tank with a series of pipes, each of which contained a Bangalore torpedo. The pipes pointed straight to the front and were, in effect, guns with light charges of black powder at the rear. As the tank advanced it automatically fired these makeshift guns in succession so that, as each of the torpedoes flew out in the air and exploded some thirty feet in front of the tank, it cleared a continuous path through the mine field. Each tank carried a sufficient number of torpedoes to clear a path approximately fifty yards long. The idea was that, instead of depending upon defenceless foot soldiers to do this hazardous work, it would be done by a tank crew, from the comparative safety afforded by its protecting armour. I never saw this particular piece of equipment used in action but it is an example of the methods by which we tried to ease the problem of the foot soldier. Transportable bridges to span tank ditches, flame-throwing tanks, and flail, plow, and heavy rollers for destroying mines were other items constantly under development and test.

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Lesson 7

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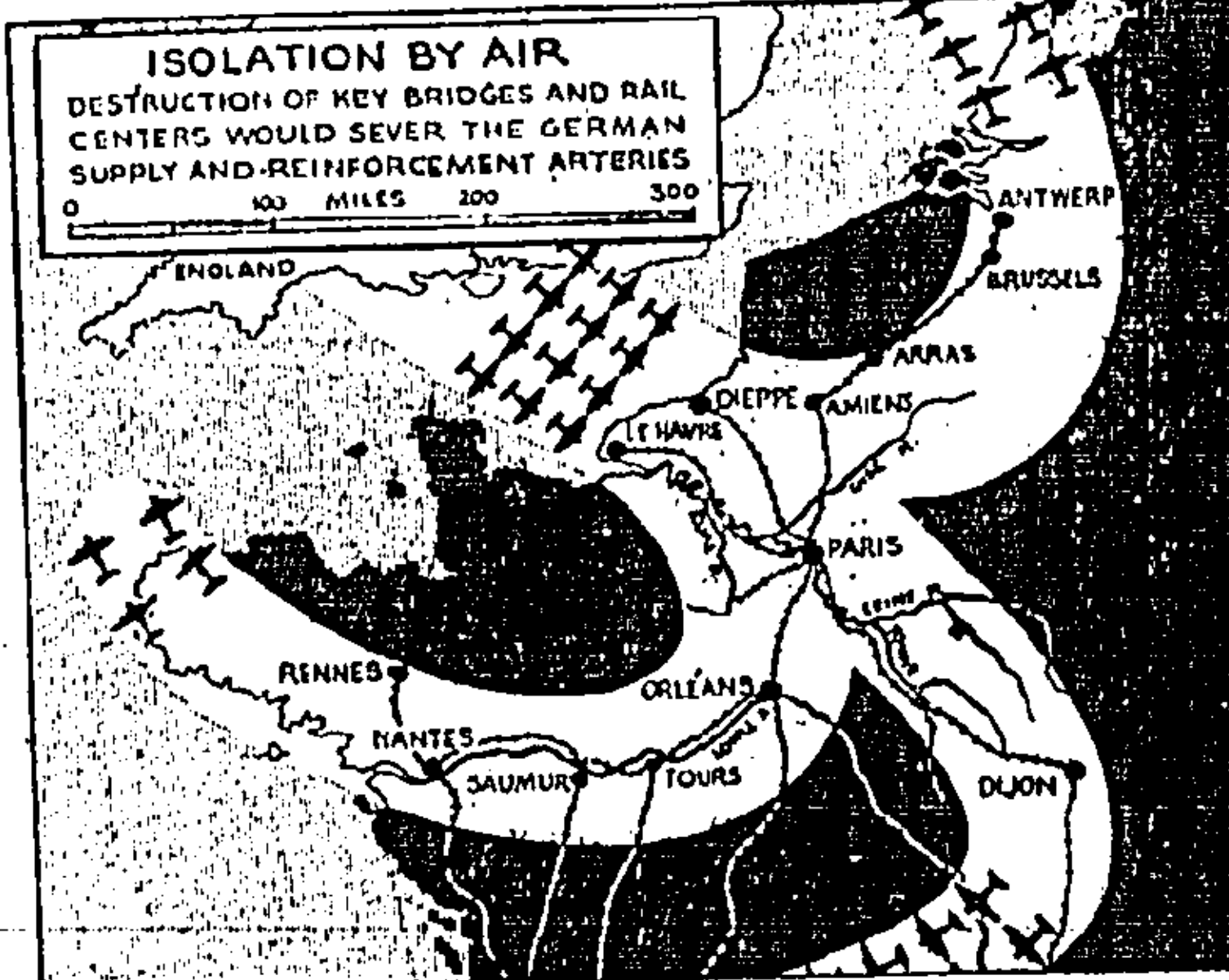
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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 43. (ho) hoh ² | Good; well; fine. Very. |
| 44. (toh) daw ¹ | Many. Much. |
| 45. (kei) gay ² | Several. Fairly. How (many or much)? |
| 46. (shiu) sheeo ² | Few; little; scarce; seldom. |
| 47. (ni) neh ¹ | A final particle implying a question. |

Useful phrase:

- (4) Nay hoh² mah²? Are you well? How are you?

Phrases and sentences:

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|--|-----------------------------|
| (A) hoh ² hoh ² . | Very good. |
| Hoh ² m hoh ² ? | Is it good? |
| Kui hoh ² . | He (she) is good (or well). |
| Kui hai hoh ² yun. | He (she) is a good person. |
| Nee ¹ gaw ² yun hoh ² . | This person is good. |
| Nee ¹ gaw ² yun hai hoh ² . | This person is good. |
| M hoh ² . | Bad. Don't. |
| (B) Hoh ² daw ¹ . | Very many (much). |
| Yau hoh ² daw ¹ . | There are (is) many (much). |
| Gay ² gaw ² yun. | Several people. |
| Gay ² hoh ² . | Fairly good. |
| Gay ² daw ¹ ? | How many (much)? |
| Nay yau gay ² daw ¹ ? | How many (much) have you? |
| Ngaw yau hoh ² daw ¹ . | I have very many (much). |
| Ngaw moh ² gay ² daw ¹ . | I have not many (much). |
| M hai gay ² daw ¹ . | It is not very much. |
| M hai gay ² hoh ² . | It is not very good. |
| (D) Sheeo ² sheeo ² . | Very little. |
| Hoh ² sheeo ² . | A little. |



project so unique as to be classed by many scoffers as completely fantastic. It was a plan to construct artificial harbours on the coast of Normandy. The first time I heard this idea tentatively advanced was by Admiral Mountbatten, in the spring of 1942. At a conference attended by a number of service chiefs he remarked, "If ports are not available, we may have to construct them in pieces and tow them in." He said this in a tone of practicality, not of fantasy. Two of these were designed and constructed in Great Britain, to be towed piecemeal to the coast of Normandy. The principal construction unit in the mulberry was an enormous concrete ship, called a "phenix," boxlike in shape and so heavily constructed that when numbers of

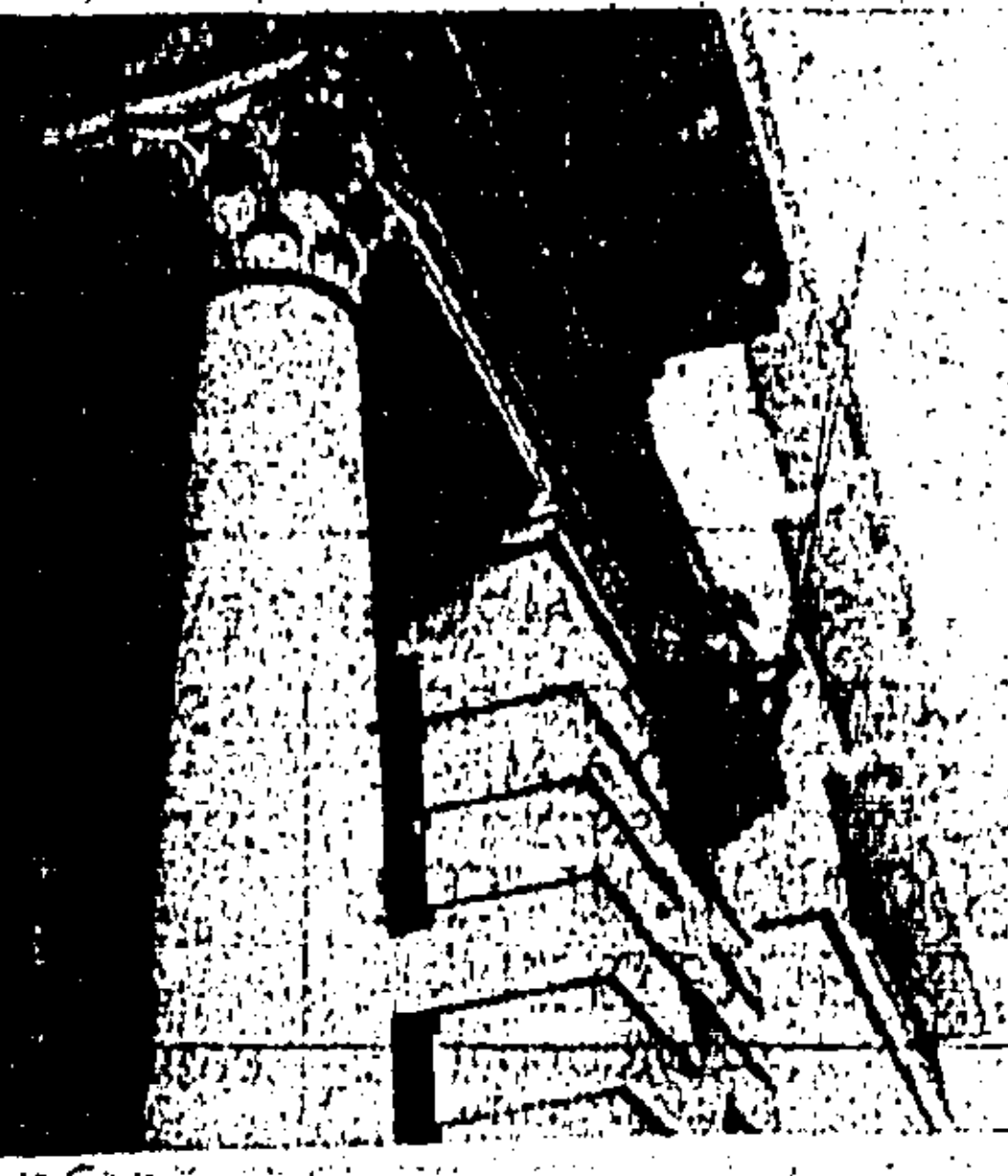
of discipline, which he himself meticulously observed, he was considered a martinet by most of his acquaintances. He was determined, correct, and devoted to duty; he had long been known as a man of the highest character and religious fervour. I sometimes felt that he was a modern Cromwell, but I was ready to waive the rigidity of his mannerisms in favour of his constructive qualities. Indeed, I felt it possible that his unyielding methods might be vital to success in an activity where an iron hand is always mandatory.

Special tactical problems anticipated in the initial attack were many, some of them most difficult of solution. The principal subordinate commanders and staff officers met with me frequently to discuss and fit together evolving plans; often experts and specialists of a variety of categories attended these meetings to give technical advice.

Constant advisers in all tactical and operational affairs were these officers, in whom I reposed the greatest confidence. They were Major General Harold Bull and Brigadier General Arthur Nevins of the American Army and Ma-

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GREETINGS

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THE MASTER PROBLEM

Mr. Bevin, in his Parliamentary review of the foreign outlook, had not much to say that was new or hopeful, save that he had confidence in the success of the Washington talks about a North Atlantic Pact. That, however, with the cognate issue of Western Union, presents by far the most urgent problem at the present moment. Of course it is right that the British Government should have welcomed and helped, as far as it could, the efforts of Dr. Bramuglia to settle the Berlin dispute. And the last of those possibilities has not yet been exhausted. But nobody who takes account of Russia's recent intensification of her offensive can be hopeful that she will desist from it at present on any terms which the Western Powers could accept. The over-riding fact, in the light of which all other foreign questions must for the time being be seen and judged, is that we are not at peace. Russia is waging a "cold" war—a war whose "coldness" does not make it any the less directly aimed at our defeat and subjugation. It is fought on Russia's side with ruthless and extremely outspoken hostility, and on the other side without, hitherto, either the cohesion or the preparedness which can alone enable the Western democracies to discourage their adversary from expanding the cold war into a hot one. To combine their counsels and re-establish their defences is not a task which the West can afford to go about at leisure. It is extremely urgent—a matter of life and death.

Even the outlying issues—China, for instance, or Austria—all refer back to the same origin. Austria could be evacuated and have full peace tomorrow, if Russia would only keep her promise of 1943. China would probably not have reached her present plight if Russia had not pursued her usual policy of a disintegrating Fifth Column. It is not British interest to be weak in any of these quarters; but we cannot be really strong till we are strong in the centre. And the centre is Western Europe. What, for defence, purposes, does Western Europe mean? It means two large countries and at least three small ones. Do not let us underestimate the importance of the small ones. The strategic values of Dutch, Belgian, or Luxembourg territory are common knowledge; so are those of Portugal, Denmark and Norway. Nor are the small armed forces of these countries incapable of making a serious military contribution, if they are equipped and trained to act with the forces of their greater neighbours and their action is co-ordinated by a common strategy under a common command.

Yet, when all that is said, it is the two big countries upon whose co-operation the defence of Western Europe must mainly rely. They are hereditary enemies, France and Western Germany, and

The value and need of the bombing were argued long and earnestly and of course, sympathetically, because of human factors involved. Finally the Prime Minister and his government and General Pierre Joseph Roehling, the commander of the French Forces of the Interior, all agreed that the attacks had to be executed as laid down, with the hope that the measures we adopted for warning the population would be effective in minimising casualties. In the outcome the efficacy of this preparatory bombing for the ground attack was clearly proved. Moreover, not only were the civilian casualties a mere fraction of those originally estimated, but the French nation as a whole calmly accepted their necessity and developed no antagonisms toward the Allied forces as a result of them. In addition to the work of the air forces against the transportation system of France we continued our steady pounding at German oil plants and other vital parts of its war-making industry. Moreover, the air forces constantly sought to engage the Luftwaffe in battle with a view to wearing down its strength still more, before the crisis of the land battle should develop.

In the meantime both ground and air staffs were constantly working on the perfection of measures for the co-ordination of ground and air in actual battle. We had long ceased to refer to "air support of the ground forces" and referred to our battles merely as "ground-air." This interdependence is a characteristic of modern battle. Ground forces must always be determined to gain and protect favourable localities from which the air can operate close up to the front lines, while on the other hand constant fighter-bomber support of ground forces must be accepted as a matter of

the task of Great Britain and America is to convert them into twin pillars of Western civilisation. Whether for man-power or for war-potential, each of them far exceeds all the small countries put together. If mutually opposed, either can blanket the other; if reconciled, the two of them in concert could frighten off any Eastern attack. The case for their eventual co-operation seems overwhelming. There are, however, for the present certain limits to what can safely be done about it. The most obvious concerns armed forces. Allied policy after two German-made wars has been to keep Germany disarmed; and it was the abandonment of this after the first war which brought on the second. We ought to think a long time before abandoning it again.

A much more immediate problem is that of the Ruhr. The Ruhr (with the adjacent Rhineland) is Germany's greatest coal-field; and now that the Poles have annexed Silesia and the French have appropriated the Saar coal, it is (apart from lignite) her only source of supply. It has also been developed as the greatest centre in Europe for steel-making, metallurgy and heavy engineering. The use of these vast resources to manufacture war-material enabled Germany to plan and execute her wars. On the other hand the Ruhr's peace-output subserved, not only Germany's economic life, but that of most countries in Western and Southern Europe; and lack of it today lies at the back of many of the economic difficulties in those areas. Therefore, while sterilising the Ruhr as a source of war-products, we need to stimulate it as a source of peace-products.

France has, since the war taken, naturally, keen interest in the Ruhr; but not on very wise lines. For long she urged the complete detachment of the area from Germany—a proposition quite as hard to defend as Bismarck's detachment of Alsace-Lorraine from France in 1870. She was finally induced to cease pressing that demand, but has remained very suspicious of British and American policy, and quite recently was swept by a popular agitation against it. It is for Britain and America, while declining to be drawn by her into impractical policies, to appreciate and sympathise with her anxiety on the subject, and try to allay it. From the standpoint of Western Union the need presses.

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No Papers For London At Xmas

London, December 22. The leading Sunday newspapers will not be published Christmas week-end because of a dispute between the proprietors and printers.

This means that most readers will be without newspapers for three days as it had already been agreed that none shall appear on Christmas Day or Boxing Day.

It will be the first time for over 20 years that the Sunday press has failed to appear.

The Scottish papers and the Scottish editions of London newspapers are not so far affected.

The Newspaper Proprietors' Association announced the decision today after meeting the Printing and Kindred Trades Federation, which represents all workers in newspaper offices.

"In view of the refusal of members of the National Society of Operative Printers and Assistants in a number of London Sunday newspaper offices to work Christmas Day on terms accepted by all other newspaper workers, the Sunday papers cannot be published in London and Manchester on December 28," the announcement said.—Reuter.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 0.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

12.15 p.m.—Catholic Prayers by the Rev. Father E. J. Burke, S.J.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.52 p.m.—For Leonard and His Players.

1.00 p.m.—The Three Sams—Instrumental Trio with Vocal.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—Nothing but Music! Sidney Torch fronts the Queens Hall Light Orchestra.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—Children's Half Hour: Competition Winners — Diana Cheong and David Lai present their programme. (Studio)

6.40 p.m.—"Cantonese by Radio" given by Mrs. Lee Wan Lan & S.K. Lee. (Studio)

7.00 p.m.—World and Home News. (London Relay)

7.15 p.m.—"Music Review." (Studio)

7.30 p.m.—"Have a Go" A Quiz Programme introduced by Wilfred Pickles.

8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay)

8.10 p.m.—Vocal Recital by Lily Vincent (Continued) A Group of Carols Piano Accompaniment by Betty Brown. (Studio)

8.30 p.m.—"Merry Melodies."

9.00 p.m.—Carroll's "Christmas Concert"—Concerto Grosso in G. Minor, played by the London Symphony Orchestra.

9.15 p.m.—Story: "Here comes the Copper" by Henry Wade. Read by Clifford Davies. (Studio)

9.55 p.m.—"Illusions of London" A Light Orchestral Programme.

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MP Supports Dutch Action

London, December 22. A former Colonial Secretary, Mr. Ivor Thomas, now an independent Member of Parliament, declared in a letter to the Times today the present troubles in Indonesia have been fomented by international Communism.

He called for more understanding in Britain of the Dutch action in Indonesia. He said the Dutch have exhausted the limits of human patience in negotiating with the Republic, and added: "The idea so widely current that British colonial interests will be served by championing the Republic and denouncing the Dutch is a delusion."

Mr. Thomas resigned from the Labour Party last October.—Reuter.

ETHIOPIA DEMAND FOR ITALIAN MARSHALS

London, December 22. Ethiopia has demanded the surrender by Italy of Marshal Pietro Badoglio, former Italian Prime Minister, and Marshal Rodolfo Graziano, former Italian Governor-General of Ethiopia. They are wanted for trial as war criminals, the Ethiopian Legation in London announced today.

The demand was made in identical notes addressed to the British, French, United States and Russian Governments, requesting them under the terms of the Italian peace treaty to instruct their Ambassadors in Rome to represent Ethiopia in discussions with the Italian Government.

The note named ten Italians stated to have been listed by the United Nations War Crimes Tribunal in May, 1948, as guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity during the war against occupation of Ethiopia.

It stated that Ethiopia had decided to bring only two of these men to trial, Marshal Badoglio and Marshal Graziano as the persons most responsible for the policy of systematic terrorism during the occupation.

Ethiopia invoked Article IV of the Italian peace treaty, which requires Italy to take all necessary steps to surrender for trial persons accused of war crimes.

The note stated that the two men would be tried before an International Tribunal constituted by the Ethiopian Government, with a majority of non-Ethiopian judges. The legal principles and procedure would be the same as those adopted by the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg.

Britain Worried

A Foreign Office spokesman said tonight that Ethiopia's demand is still being considered and that no reply has, so far, been sent to her note.

He declined to discuss the probable British attitude.

Observers here believe that Britain is worried about Allied obligations to Marshal Badoglio, who negotiated his country's surrender more than 18 months ahead of the German surrender, and was for a time Prime Minister of a co-belligerent Italy.

Marshal Graziano is at present on trial by an Italian court on account of his Fascist record and may well be sentenced in the near future.—Reuter.

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Fantastic Story Denied In London

London, December 22. The Foreign Office denies reports in the Daily Worker that the British Government is implicated with efforts to instigate a rebellion against the Burmese Government.

The denial concerns reports that a British lieutenant-colonel, in the capacity of a secret service agent, is arranging for a supply of arms and ammunition to the Karen hill tribesmen who are willing to oppose Thakin Nu Government.

The Foreign Office says that the persons named in the reports are not connected with the Foreign Office, and recalls previous statements in the House of Commons that the Government disapproved such actions by British subjects.

The reports were bannerlined "Riotous in Burma Rising Plot" and published alleged official statements issued by the Burmese Embassy in London, dealing with the activities of Alexander Campbell, former correspondent of the Conservative Daily Mail who was recently expelled from Burma, and Lieutenant Colonel Cromarty Tulloch, "who is believed to be an M-5 agent."

The Daily Worker also said: "Other persons known to be involved are a former Conservative Cabinet Minister, a news-

STRIKERS' PAY SUSPENSION

Rome, December 22. The Italian Cabinet today decided to suspend the pay of civil servants who joined in last Monday's 24-hour strike for the time they were absent.

More serious measures were not taken in view of the behaviour of civil servants as a whole, almost all of whom continued at work today, an official statement said.

Independent trade union leaders from all parts of Italy met in Rome today. Their secretary, Signor Giulio Pastore, told reporters that his members did not propose a new strike over civil service pay but would seek to persuade Parliament to grant a further increase.—Reuter.

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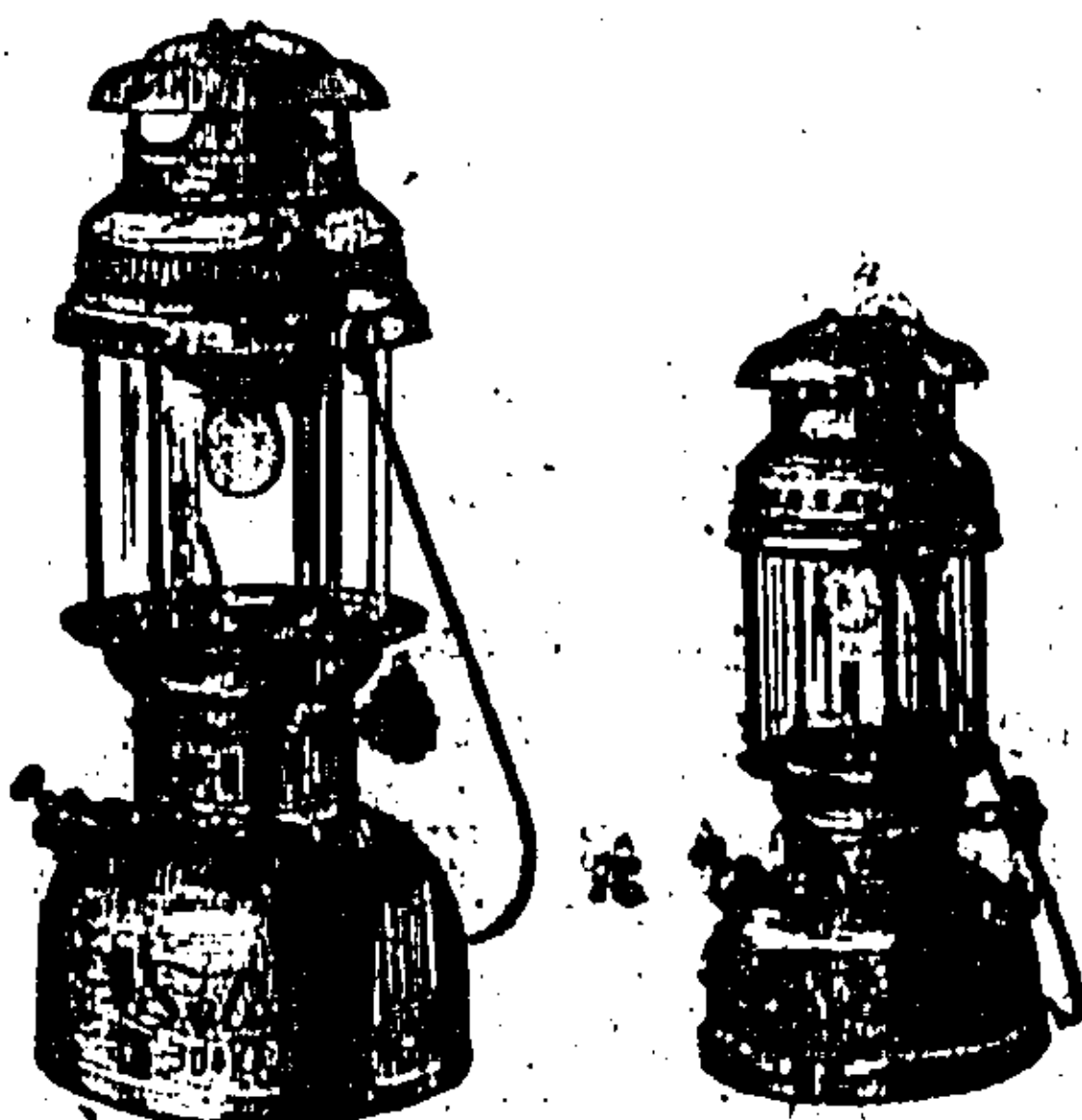
Penrith, December 22. The first snow of winter has fallen in Cumberland.

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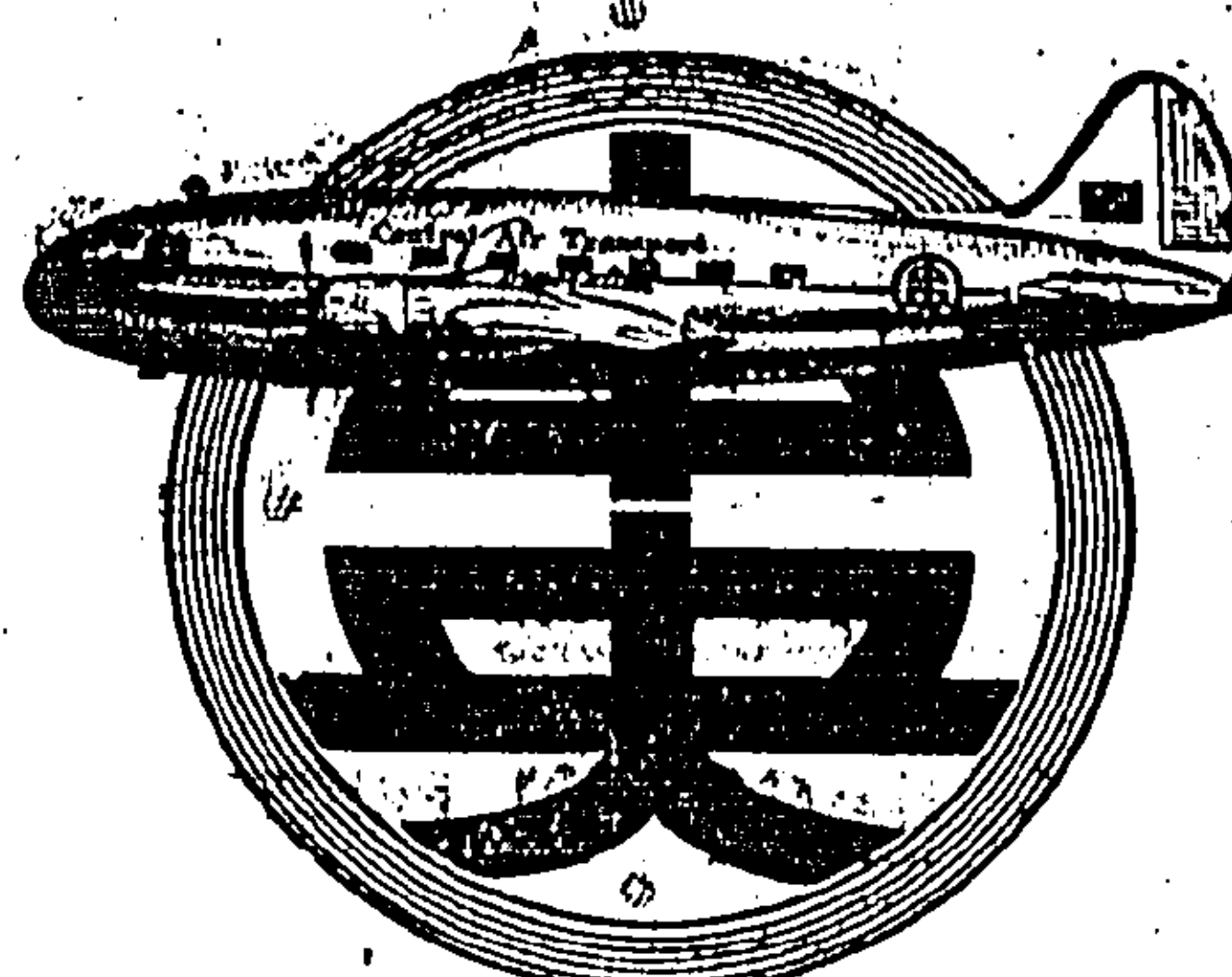
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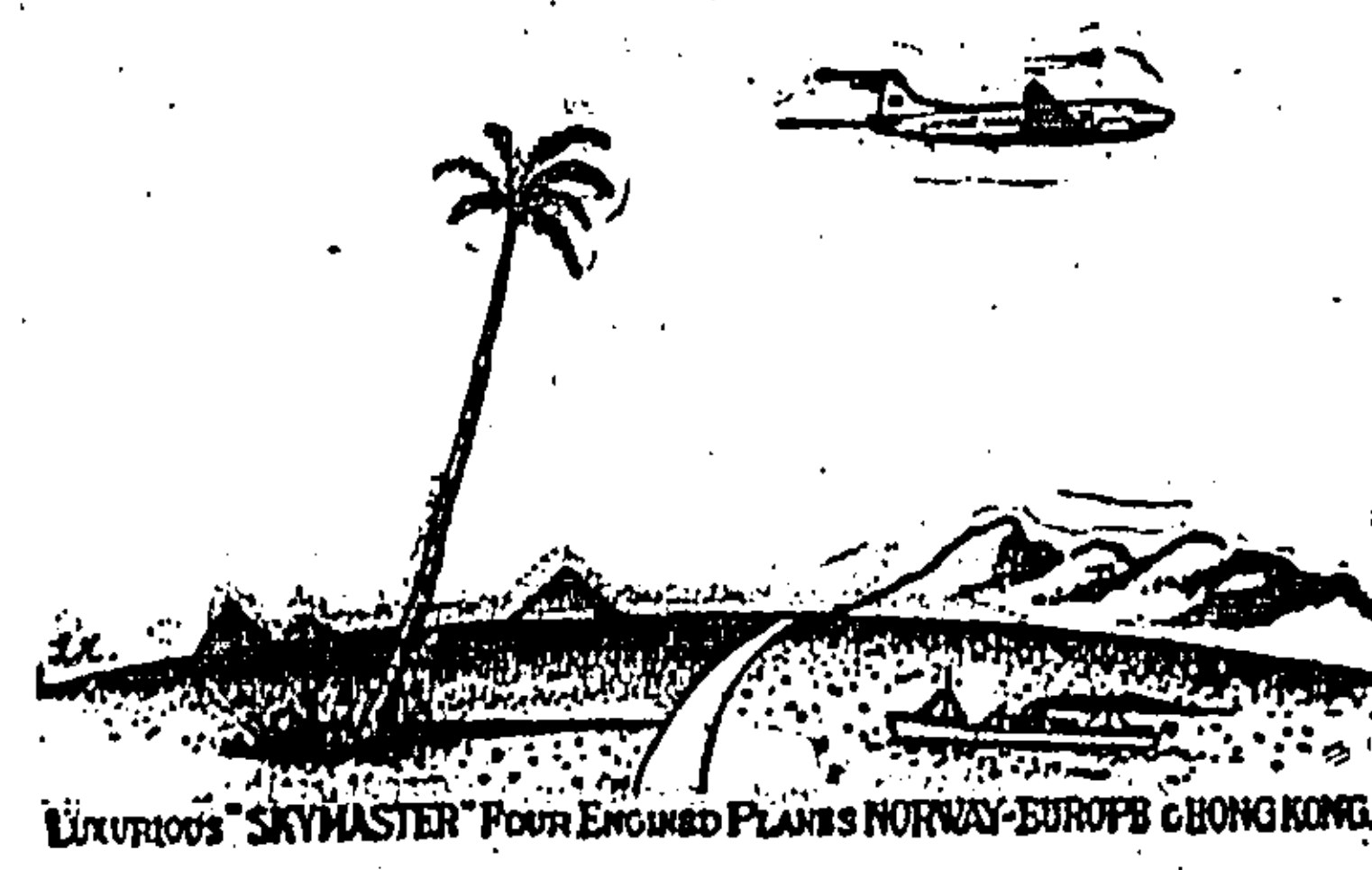
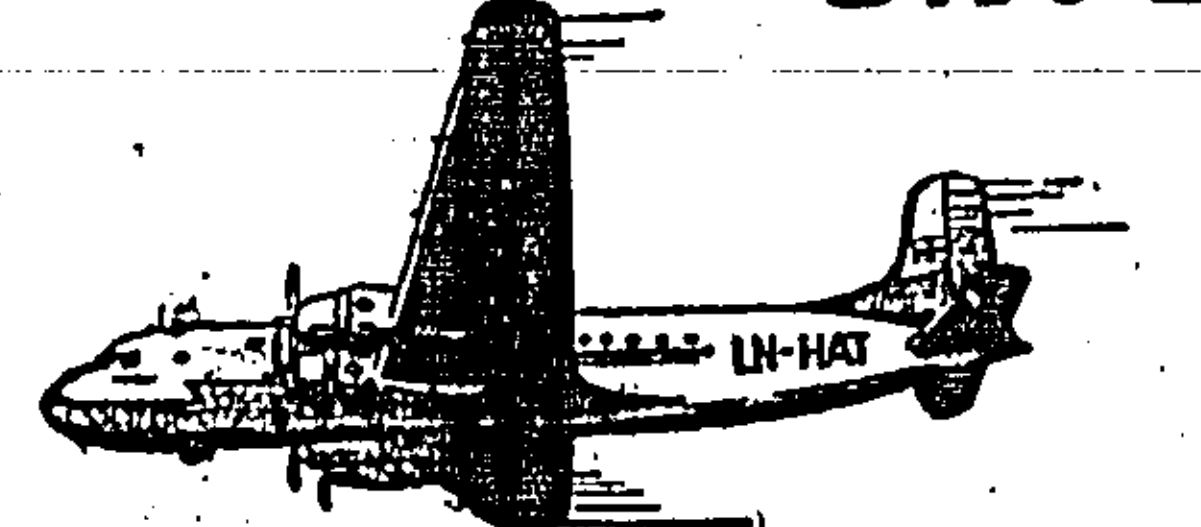
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BRITISH AUTHORITIES PROTECT EUROPEANS

Peiping, December 23.

The British Consul here is laying plans for the protection of Danish, Norwegian and Swedish interests in this area.

The British Consul, Martin Buxton, in a public notice has invited all nationals of the three countries to register their names and addresses with him.

The American Consulate, meanwhile, announced that 44 Americans have been stranded in the Communist-controlled areas surrounding Peiping. They are stranded of their own choice. All had the chance of coming into Peiping when the Reds were approaching the city but choose to stay where they were.

Forty-two of them are in the Tsinghua and Yenching universities in the North Western outskirts of the city.

The remaining two are at Tungshien, a little walled town 12 miles East of Peiping. Both belong to the American Mission Board.

Isolated Peiping today ended a week without electric lights.

which kept the street lights going, has been cut. Apart from light skirmishing at one or two points along the Peiping front all has been quiet in the past 24 hours. The night passed without the boom of a single gun being heard in the city.

Prices Jump

In Peiping the price of food continues to soar as most farm lands which normally supply the city are now bounding on Red held territory.

Enterprising taxi drivers are substituting for tram service in some localities because of the power cut-off.

In some localities the price of kerosene jumped to an unprecedented high of 650 yuan (about US\$10) a gallon, much too expensive to allow the poorer classes anything except limited use of this fuel for their lamps.

—Associated Press.

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Hastings, December 22. A set of false teeth, passing through the Hastings Post Office in an envelope, caused the high speed cancelling machine to stop today.

An official said: "Now somebody is going to have trouble in trying to eat their Christmas dinner without teeth."—Reuter.

Mme. Chiang's Plans Vague

Washington, December 22. The Acting Secretary of State, Robert Lovett, told a news conference today that he has no information regarding Madame Chiang Kai-shek's plans.

Chinese sources said Madame Chiang is still at the Leesburg home of the Secretary of State and Mrs. Marshall.

In answer to other questions, Mr. Lovett said the situation in China is still confused. He said the State Department has very little information on China's military developments beyond what is reported in the press.

He described the United States' policy toward China as unchanged since his last news conference.—United Press.

BRITONS FOR PAKISTAN

London, December 22. Two hundred British aviation technicians will go to Pakistan under a three-year contract signed by Airwork Limited of London with Pakistan Aviation Limited of Karachi.

Under the contract, Airwork will act as technical consultants assisting in the development of aircraft, engine overhaul shops and a training school in Pakistan.

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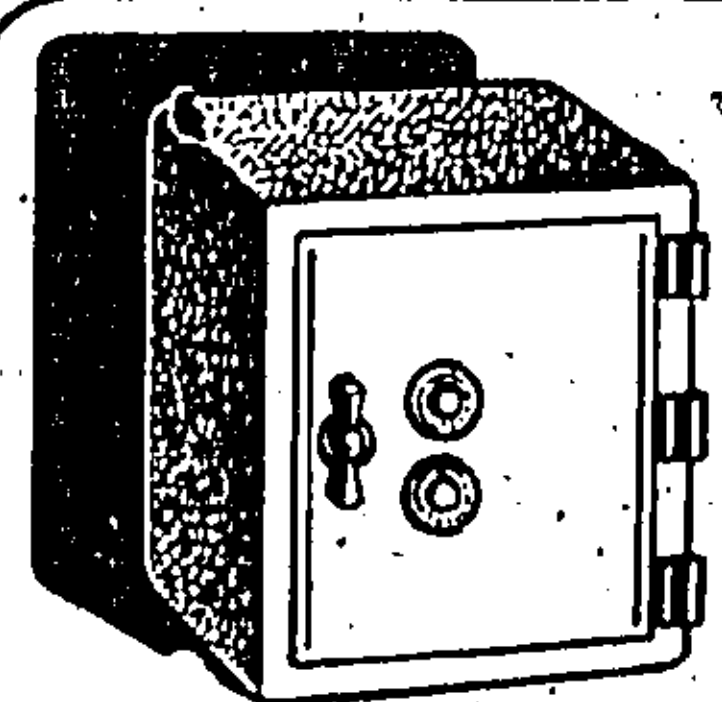
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TIENTSIN FIGHTING

BIG FIRES RAGING IN ARSENAL AREA

Tientsin, December 23.

From Tientsin's taller buildings last night tremendous fires were visible to the North about four miles from the centre of the city.

This was the first indication that the destruction of the civil war had entered the wall-less gates of Tientsin, for the flames were consuming Tientsin's East Arsenal village.

Reuter's correspondent dashed towards the conflagration but on route met retreating Chinese refugees and among them one foreigner, a Soviet citizen, the owner of a dairy farm.

Jacob Prejensky, aged 65, from rifles and automatic weapons was audible slightly Southward.

It was reported that the Communists have restored the railway from Tongshan to Hanku, just North of Tientsin.

Although no evidence of actual fighting is yet visible inside Tientsin, Chinese reports declared that in the Eastern suburbs the Communists in the Tanchuang region attacked Nationalist positions along the Haiho River.

The attack was repulsed but thereafter the Nationalists were reported to have withdrawn within the protection dam.

It was understood that hitherto no Red force was concentrated around Tientsin in appreciable numbers.

No Man's Land

Returning, he discovered his farm on fire and the village completely enveloped by the conflagration. The East Arsenal itself, where French troops were billeted during pre-war extraterritoriality days, resembled No Man's Land.

The entire area was mined and confusion reigned amidst the remaining villagers, while firing

Warship At Tangku

The Communist concentrations, according to Chinese sources, include 30,000 in the vicinity of Yangtsun, about 29 kilometres from Tientsin, and five regiments in some villages along the Eastern suburb.

A traveller arriving on foot from Tangku confirmed that Chinese warships have arrived there but denied that Chinese Marines have landed.

Developing engine trouble, an American military plane landed at Tientsin's emergency Race Course airport yesterday afternoon. The plane came from Peiping, where it picked up the United States Military Attaché, General Soule, the Naval Attaché, Captain Frankel, from Nanking, and four American correspondents.

This group had a narrow escape a few days ago when they landed at Peiping's South field, which came under artillery fire. They left Peiping from the Glacis Airport with one engine faulty, landed here and took the opportunity to tour the city with the American Consul-General, Mr. Robert L. Smyth.

The party expects to leave Tientsin today after repairs to the plane.—Reuter.

SCHUMAN VISIT TO LONDON

London, December 22. The French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, has accepted an invitation from Mr. Ernest Bevin to visit Britain early next year.

The dates of the proposed visit are not yet known. M. Schuman, who will be paying his first visit to Britain since he became Foreign Minister, will be the guest of the British Government.—Reuter.

Defence Plan For Shanghai

Shanghai, December 23. Construction of city defences will start shortly. A committee to take charge of the work, headed by the Garrison Commander, General Chen Ta-ching, has been formed.

No information is available where the defences will be erected and what they will comprise.—Reuter.

MINISTER IS OPTIMISTIC

Manila, December 23. The Chinese Minister, Mr. Chen Chih Ping, said today that despite military reverses in North China he still believes the Nationalists can hold out against the mounting Red offensive.

The Minister said there will be no change in China's foreign policy under the new Cabinet headed by Dr. Sun Fo. Asked whether the Government was planning to move out of Nanking, he said he knows of no such plan.

Mr. Chen said he made a report to Nanking on matters pertaining to the Chinese community in the Philippines.—United Press.

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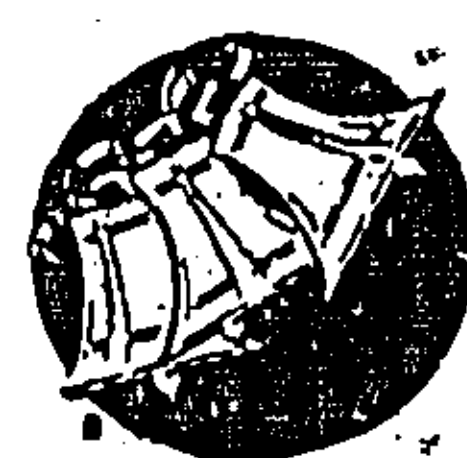


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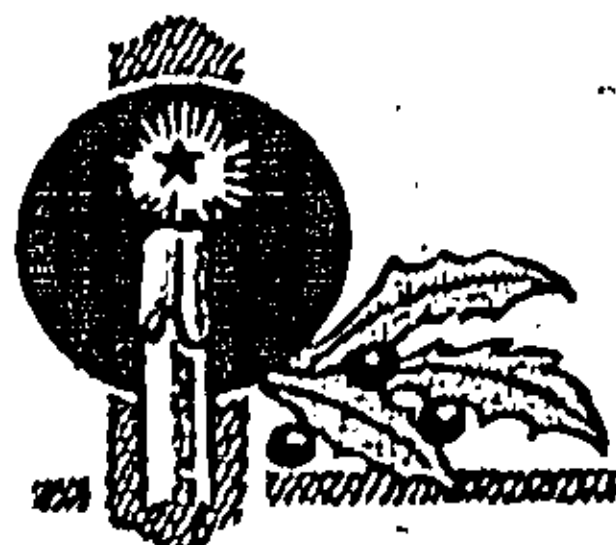
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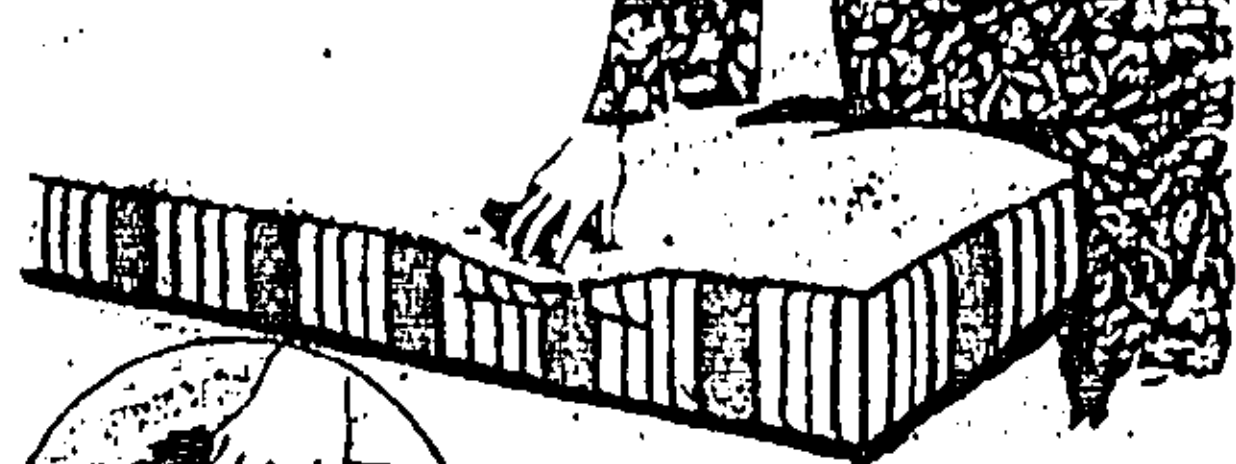
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SEVEN JAPANESE WAR LEADERS MEET DEATH AT SUGAMO PRISON

The Men Who Died

The seven Japanese executed war leaders were: General Hiroki Tojo, who harboured hate for Britain and America, and became Japanese Prime Minister in October, 1941, two months before Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. The Tribunal found that he bore the responsibility for Japan's criminal attacks on her neighbors.

Koki Hiroto, Aged 70, found guilty of conspiracy to wage aggressive war and responsibility for atrocities.

Jwane Matsui, Aged 70, in command of Central China at the "Rape of Nanking." In 1937, found guilty of responsibility for atrocities.

Kenji Dohara, Aged 65, member of the Japanese Supreme War Council, 1940-43, and commander of the Japanese Seventh Army at Singapore in 1944-45; feared in Manchuria where he was an important military figure during the nineteen thirties as the arch-agent provocateur found guilty of crimes against peace and ordering atrocities against prisoners of war and civilians.

Heltaro Kimura, Aged 60, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Army in Burma in 1944; guilty of war crimes and atrocities.

Setsuro Itagaki, Aged 63, who took over the Seventh Army in Singapore in 1945, guilty of crimes against peace and responsibility for atrocities.

Akira Muto, Aged 56, Chief of Staff to General Yamashita (already executed for war crimes) in the Philippines.—Reuter.

BOMB PRANK MAN RELEASED

Minneapolis, New York.

December 22.

The man who exploded a home-made bomb above the United Nations headquarters at Lake Success last July, Stephen J. Sullina, appeared in court at Minneapolis today and was released from jail.

Sullina, who was sentenced to the time he had already spent in prison, 148 days, had pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge on December 6.

He told the court that he dropped his bomb from a hired plane to wake up the United Nations to the need for world peace.

He thought his action reflected the feelings of millions of people.—Reuter.

Tokyo, December 23.

Hidoki Tojo, 64-year-old wartime Premier of Japan, died on the gallows at Sugamo Prison early this morning clothed as a United States Army salvage worker in a uniform devoid of any insignia, a United States Army eye-witness report of the execution stated.

The official witnesses were Mr. Patrick Shaw, British Commonwealth representative on the Allied Council; Mr. William Sebald, American member of the Council; Colonel Shang Chen (China), Lieutenant General Derevyanko (Russia), a doctor and prison authorities.

The condemned men were hanged in two groups—Dohara, Matsui, Tojo and Muto in the first and Itagaki, Hirota and Kimura in the second.

They died with black hoods over their heads. As they walked into the execution chamber, Tojo was identified by witnesses, then turned and walked up the 13 steps to the gallows' platform where he again turned to face the witnesses.

The executions were swift. Within 90 seconds after entering the death chamber, Tojo and the other condemned had been executed.

Dohara was declared dead seven and a half minutes after midnight, Tojo 10½ minutes, Muto 11½ minutes and Matsui 13 minutes after midnight.

The condemned men went to their deaths in the same unemotional way as they had heard the sentences passed by the International Tribunal.

They walked to the gallows without assistance, some quietly repeating Buddhist prayers. They were notified of the hour of their execution at one minute past midnight (GMT) on Tuesday when they were taken into the Prison Chaplain's Office two at a time.

Lost Request

After hearing that their final plea to the United States Supreme Court had failed and that the sentences were to be carried out, each of the accused asked for an hour alone with the Buddhist priest, Hanayama.

Only one request was made to the priest. Tojo asked to be served Japanese food instead of normal American Army rations on his final day. His request was granted.

In their last hours, the condemned men wrote letters to their wives and their families and made their own farewells to each other.

Hanayama held Buddhist services in a specially constructed cell block shortly after noon.

None of the condemned made any attempt to commit suicide. "At no time during their incarceration did any of them commit any acts of violence," an official statement from the Office of the Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers reported.

Buddhist Service

Twenty minutes before the time set for the first hangings, four of the condemned men were escorted by guards from individual cells to the Buddhist chapel.

After the service and heavily guarded, they walked out into the night air for the last time.

The prison officer of the day led the way to the death house, followed by an American Army chaplain and the Buddhist priest. Two armed escorts escorted each of the condemned men.

Despite his plea to be permitted to attend the execution, the Buddhist priest was ordered to step aside at the door of the death chamber.

A doctor examined each man and then summoned the senior medical officer who, after a further examination confirmed that each was dead.

Strict Watch

The American Army Graves Registration team took the bodies from the gallows. After cremation, the ashes will be scattered.

The condemned men saw their families for the last time on December 1. From then on, they were allowed to visit each other during two periods of the day.

Strict precautions were taken by the American Army to prevent a Goering suicide incident. Tojo and the six other condemned men were watched at all times by a squad of eight guards.

One guard constantly kept watch on two of the prisoners and one walked between the barred doors of the cells. They interchanged at 15 minutes' intervals.

Medical men on duty checked each prisoner's respiration every 15 minutes. A guard of officer and corporal of the guard also made a personal check on each prisoner every 15 minutes.

Emperor Told

Seven adjoining cells in the block were used. No other prisoners were kept in the block. Most of the guards were specially selected, and had guarded Tojo and the others for nearly two years.

The news of the hangings came while most of Tokyo was asleep. The Japanese press said the Emperor was notified but his reaction was not reported.

Official occupation circles did not expect his abdication to follow. High officials told Reuter that General MacArthur has personally directed the Emperor not to abdicate.

A few hours before Tojo died, his wife's last letter to him was published. Mrs. Tojo said she was pleased to hear her husband was in such a mental condition that he did not care whether he remained longer in the world.

No matter how hard times would be, Mrs. Tojo said she would remember how happy they had been.

To Crematorium

One hour and 40 minutes after the executions began, two military policemen, armed with sub-machineguns, took up positions at the prison gates.

Two large canvas-covered Army lorries, escorted by Jeeps, loaded with military police,

Ticket Evader Dies On Roof

Rugby, December 22. William Kirkpatrick of Maxwell Town, Dunfermline was found dead on the roof of a carriage of the Euston to Glasgow express at Rugby last night.

No ticket was found on the body and it is thought that Kirkpatrick boarded the train before it left London intending to travel home and when the travelling ticket collector approached he climbed out to the roof of the carriage.—Reuter.

"Eyes" Of The RAF Summoned

London, December 22. A summons has been issued against the Aeronautical and Industrial Research Corporation Ltd., of London, under an air navigation order prohibiting aircraft engaged in international navigation from carrying explosives, arms or munitions of war.

Mr. Sydney Cotton, a 54-year-old Australian-born London businessman connected with the firm, has been summoned on an allegation of aiding and abetting.

Mr. Cotton had his 33-year-old private flying licence suspended by the Ministry of Civil Aviation this summer.

He had just returned from Hyderabad where he was reported to have flown medical supplies.

Tall, grey-haired and bespectacled, Mr. Cotton established the Royal Air Force photographic reconnaissance unit, which became the "eyes" of the force during the war.

He was the first man to land in the wilds of Labrador, the first to spot seals from the air for Newfoundland fishermen and he attempted a Capetown to Cairo flight as long ago as 1920.—Reuter.

Left Sugamo Prison after 2.00 a.m. local time, presumably carrying the bodies of the executed men.

Scores of Japanese photographers rushed to take pictures as the lorries drove out. Two Japanese newspapermen who approached the gates as the convoy was leaving were arrested by the military police.

The lorries carrying the bodies reached Yokohama about an hour after leaving Sugamo. Japanese newspapers reported they were proceeding by a circuitous route to a crematorium.—Reuter.

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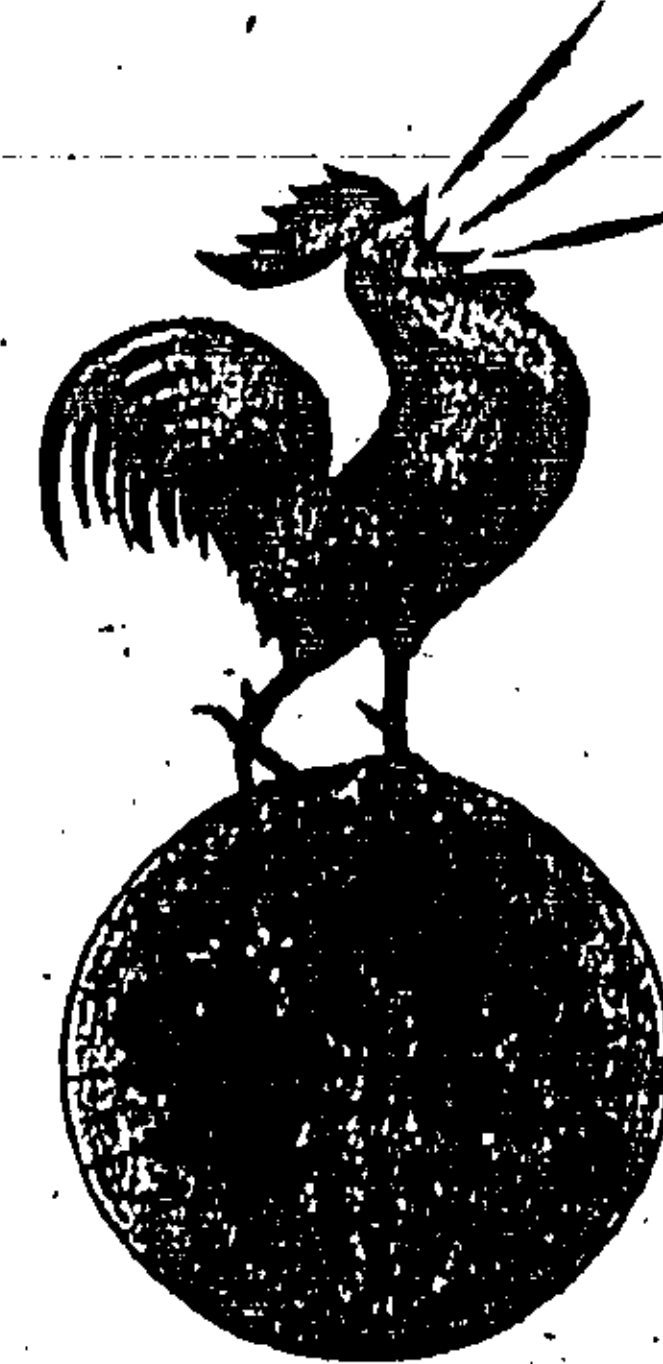
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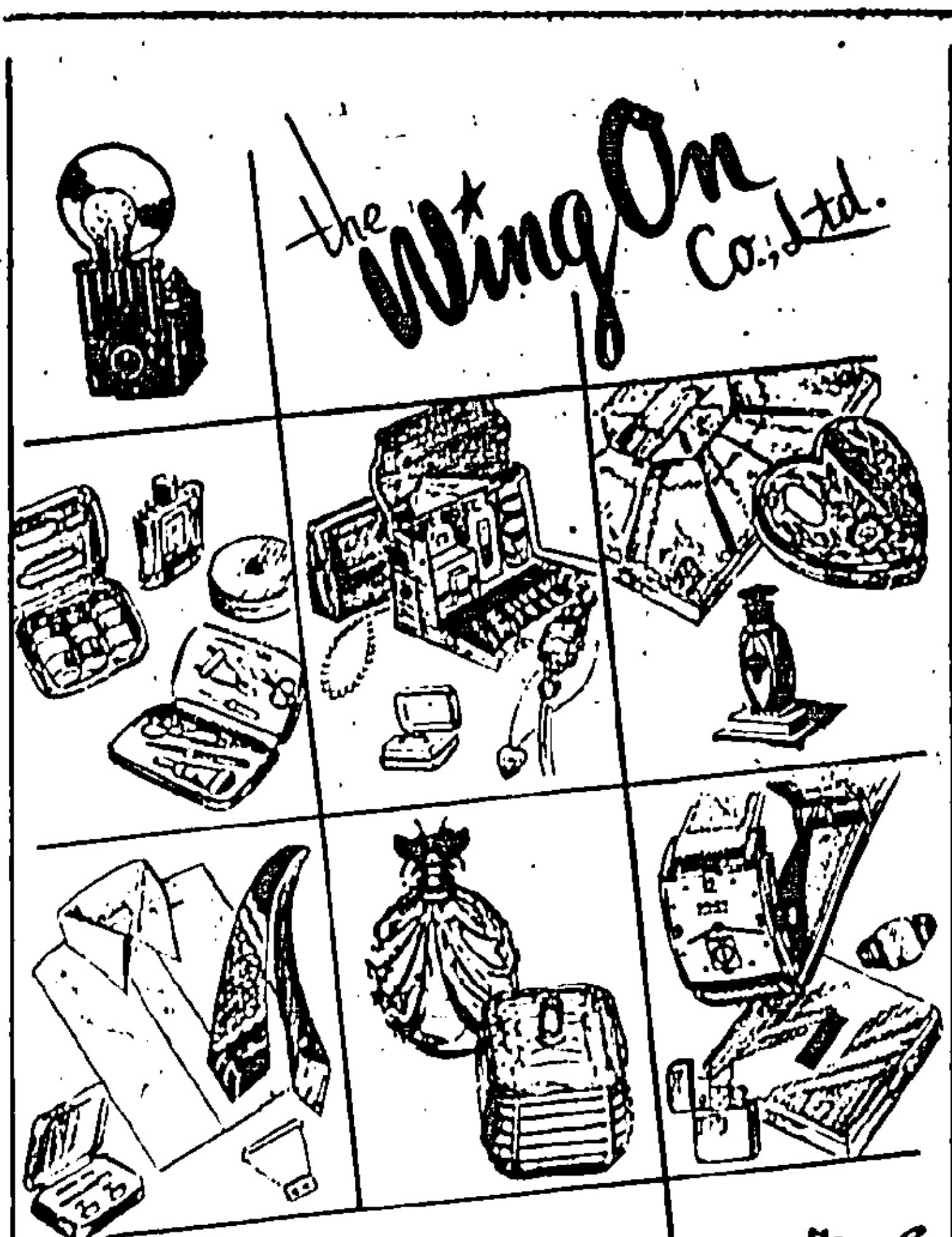
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British Universities: Report By Committee

London, December 23.

British Universities are overcrowded and understaffed, and their overworked teachers get too little pay.

These are the findings of a Committee appointed to report on University development from 1935 to 1947 as part of a Government study of national educational needs.

Like most of Britain's other current troubles, the shortcomings of the Universities are largely attributed to the war.

They exist, the committee said, despite the fact that University incomes have more than doubled in the 12 years covered by the report. Most of the money is provided by the Government.

Most popular University courses since the war are in science and technology, the number of students in these studies almost doubling in two years.

The Committee said that increased enrollment since the war has in most Universities overwhelmed the existing accommodation, and the shortage of teaching staff due to the interruption of training and recruitment during the war will only correct itself gradually.

"Unless additional accommodation can be speedily provided," it

continued, "the present student numbers cannot be maintained without grave risk of impairing, not only academic standards which can be measured directly by examination results, but also those intangible elements which form so valuable a part of University life."

The report said there is need of academic staff, and emphasised the imperative need for an upward revision of salaries.—Associated Press.

Change In Policy Towards Japan

New York, December 23.

The New York Herald-Tribune, discussing the change in United States policy toward Japan, said the reasons for the change were not discussed in public.

Presumably, however, they

include:—
(1) That most of the basic reforms desired in Japan are well under way.

(2) That economic recovery is needed to make these reforms permanent.

(3) That Japan will not resist Communist propaganda indefinitely if the country remains poverty-stricken.

(4) That American subsidy of Japan to the extent of hundreds of millions of dollars per year is a strain on the strength of the United States.

(5) That economic health in Japan is needed to promote economic health in regions of Asia with which Japan normally trades.

(6) That temporary restriction on some forms of freedom in Japan is less serious than the calamities that would have

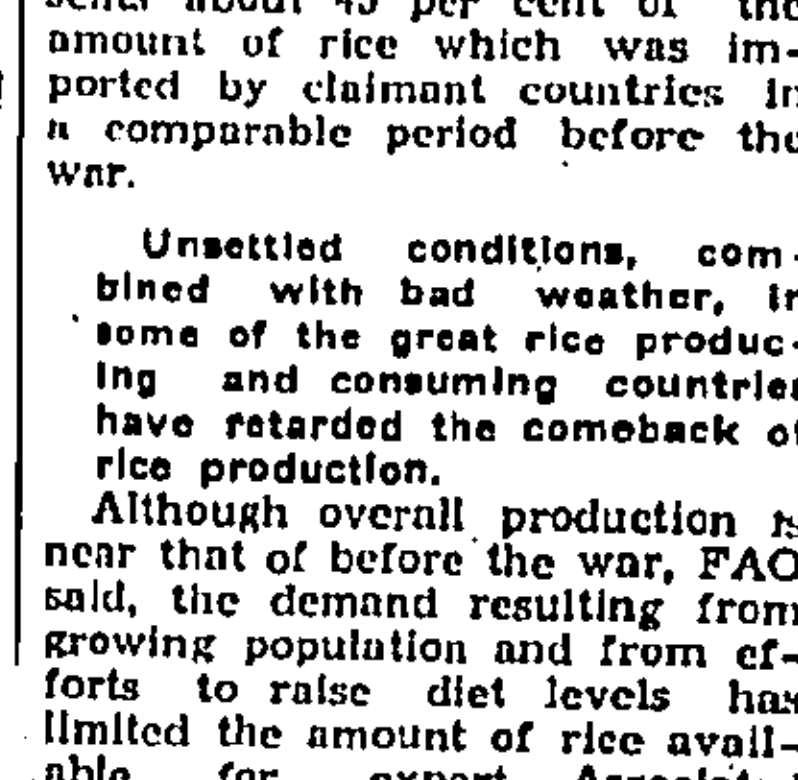
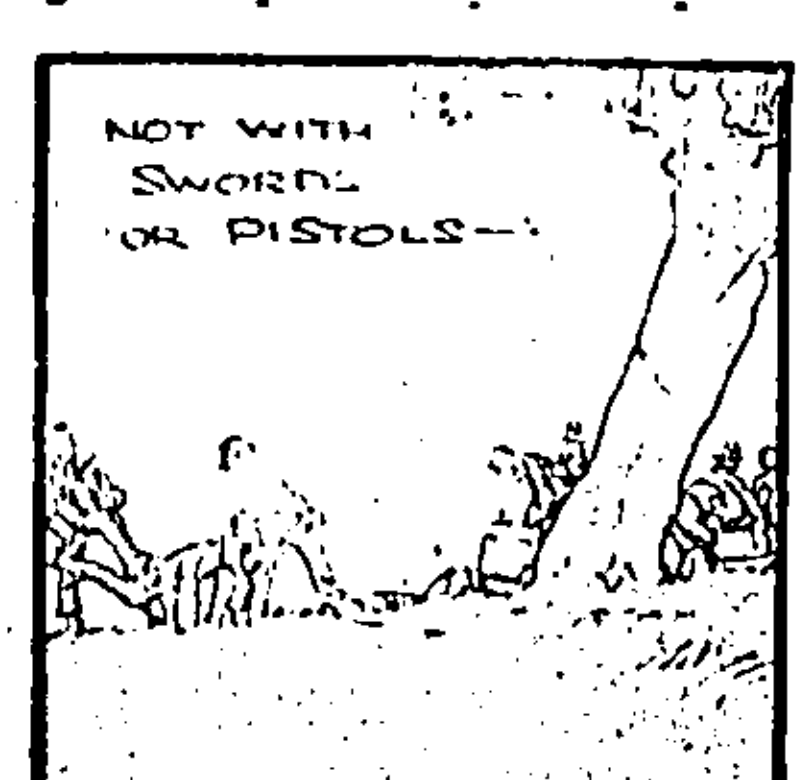
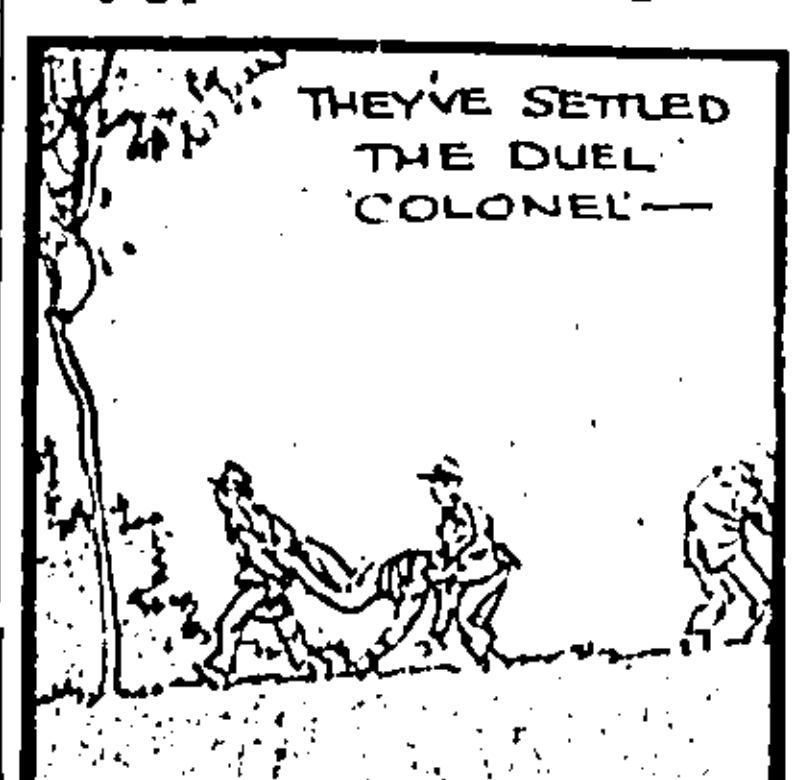
to be faced if Japan could not make herself sustaining.

These reasons are persuasive and there can not be grounds for objection to the change in policy provided constant attention is given to the protection of reforms already carried out in Japan and to reforms now under way.

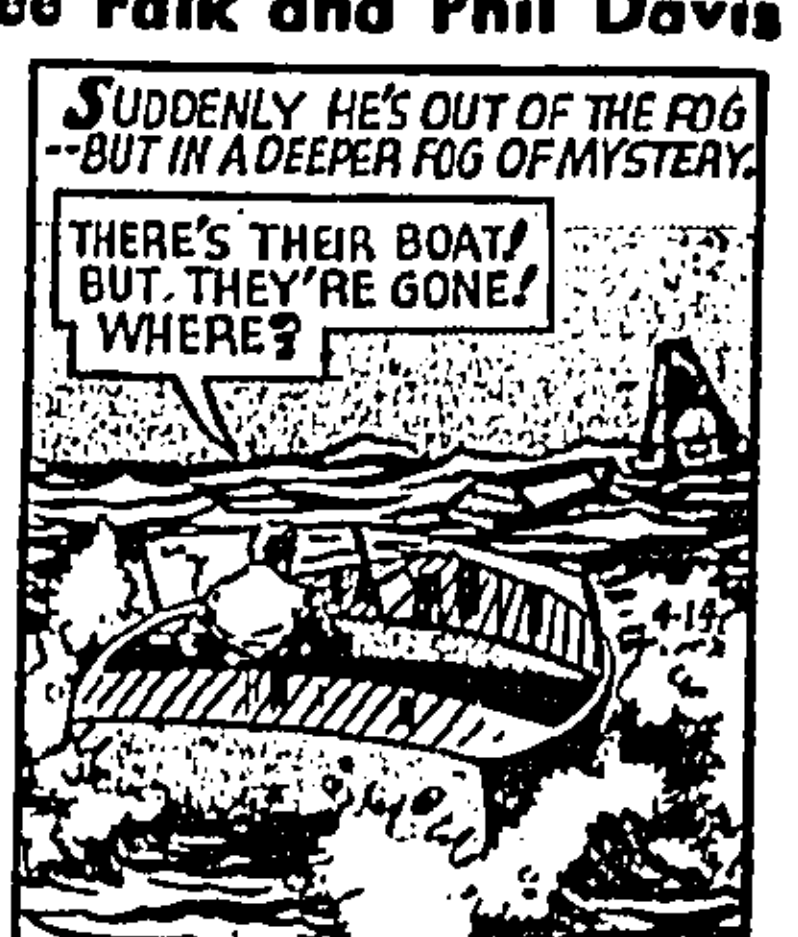
"But if the stress on economic recovery led to such result as neglect of the welfare of Japanese peasants, the consequences could be grave and might be of great advantage to the Communists."

"Until Japan produces political leaders with more honesty and with more enthusiasm for democracy than those in evidence today, almost as much attention should be given by the Americans to reform in Japan as to economic recovery despite the urgency of the need for recovery."—United Press.

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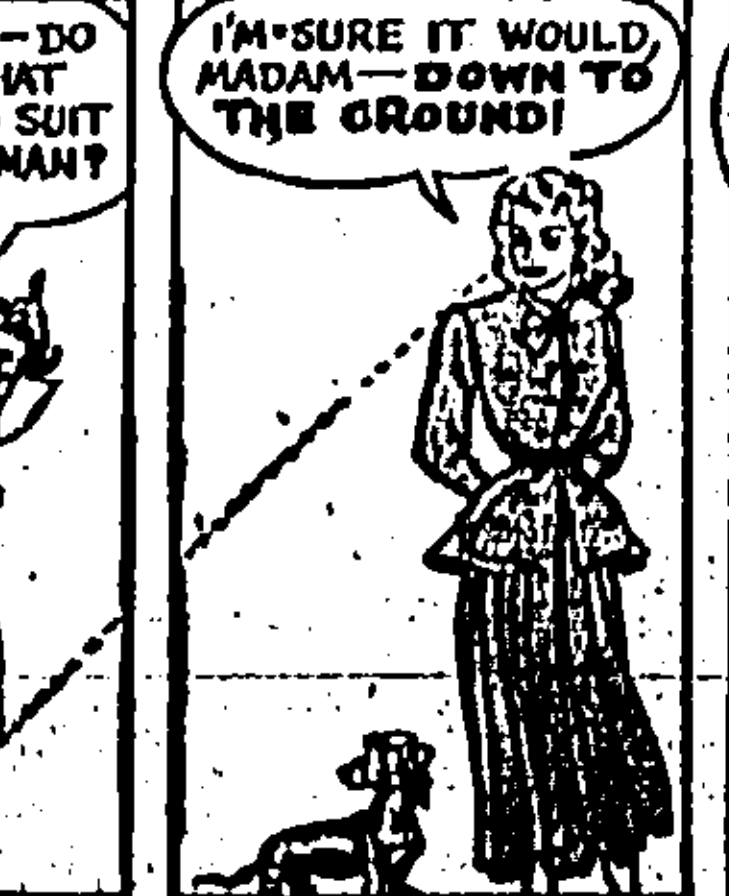
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CRIPPS' APPEAL TO BRITISH EXPORTERS

London, December 22.

Visible exports for the year are likely to be about 36 per cent above the 1938 figure but the dollar problem remains the crux of the whole European situation just as it is the centre of Britain's own difficulties.

Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said this tonight.

Speaking at the annual dinner of the Institute of Export in London, he called on British exporters to concentrate on selling goods in dollar and other hard currency markets.

The dollar situation, representing trade with the Western Hemisphere, is much the less favourable, he said.

"In the first half of this year, our deficit with those countries was at the annual rate of £300 million. Our visible exports to the United States, for example, are running at little more than one-third of our imports from that country."

"With the Argentine too, we are only paying for two-thirds of our imports by our exports, though that is not wholly our fault."

Other countries with hard currencies creating a physical drain on British reserves were Belgium and Switzerland. "It is urgent that we should increase our sales in those markets or else we shall have to do without some of the goods that we are at present importing from them."

under the European Recovery Programme and where we do not seek to collect dollars or gold to pay for that surplus.

Must Succeed

Sir Stafford termed this an investment in European recovery which we believed to be of vital importance. "We cannot expect our export trade to go on increasing at the same rate as it has done over the past year. That is why the target rate for the end of next year is set at only 155 per cent of the 1938 volume, compared with 150 per cent at the end of this year."

"We must not delude ourselves with over-optimistic forecasts. What is quite apparent to all of us is that the next years are going to bring a more intense competition for markets though to some extent it may be moderated by the world shortage of dollars."

"Our success, and we must succeed, must depend upon other factors, competitive prices and competitive selling power."—Reuter.

Libel Case Succeeds

London, December 22.

A libel action by Dr. Miles Sekulich, who was an executive of the Serbian Peasant Party in 1941, against the American publishers, Harper and Brothers, of New York, has been settled before the High Court here.

Dr. Sekulich, at present living in London, had complained about a passage in a book "My Native Land," by Louis Adamie, asserting that he was a Gestapo agent who was arrested in Britain on suspicion of being a Nazi agent.

His counsel said Dr. Sekulich was one of the organisers of the coup d'etat, which overthrew the pro-Nazi Government in Yugoslavia and brought the country into the war on the side of the Allies.

In July, 1941, urged by resistance leaders, he made his way to Britain to inform the Yugoslav Government in exile of the situation and was received in London by King Peter. It was stated in Court that the parties had come to terms.

The publishers had no reason to believe that the allegations were true and had given an unqualified apology to Dr. Sekulich, who would be paid costs and damages.—Reuter.

Rice Supply Not Up To Demand

Washington, December 23.

The world supply of rice available for export during the first half of 1949 will fall far short of demands by Asiatic countries and other major consumers.

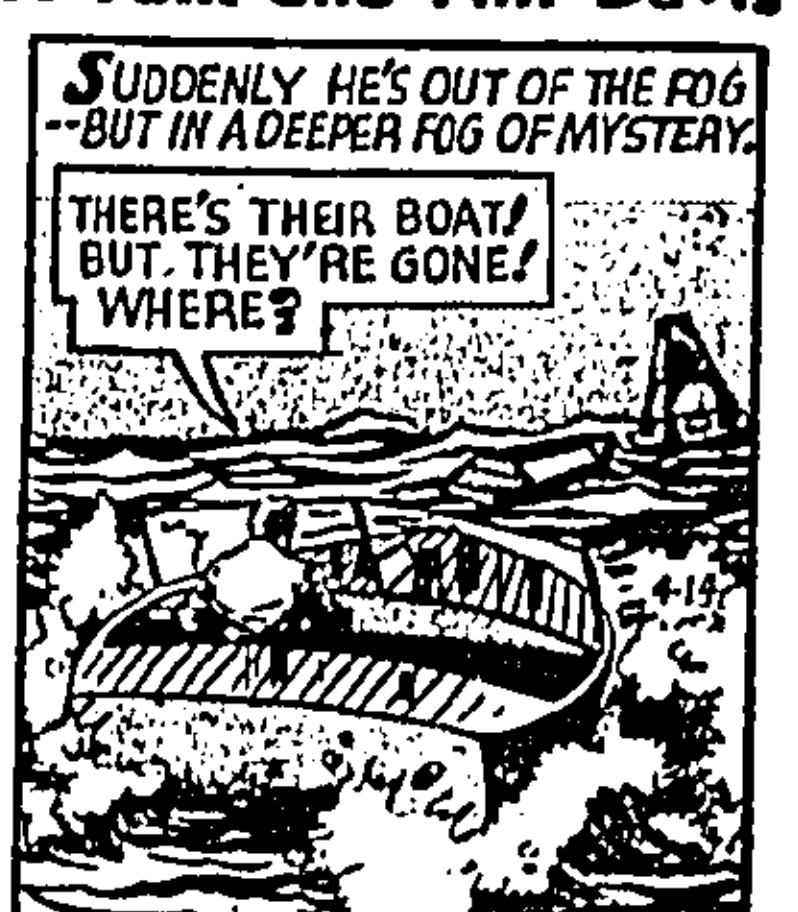
The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation says shipments will be only slightly larger than during the first six months of this year when supplies met only about half of stated requirements.

A total of 1,875,300 metric tons of rice was recommended on Thursday by the FAO's International Emergency Food Committee.

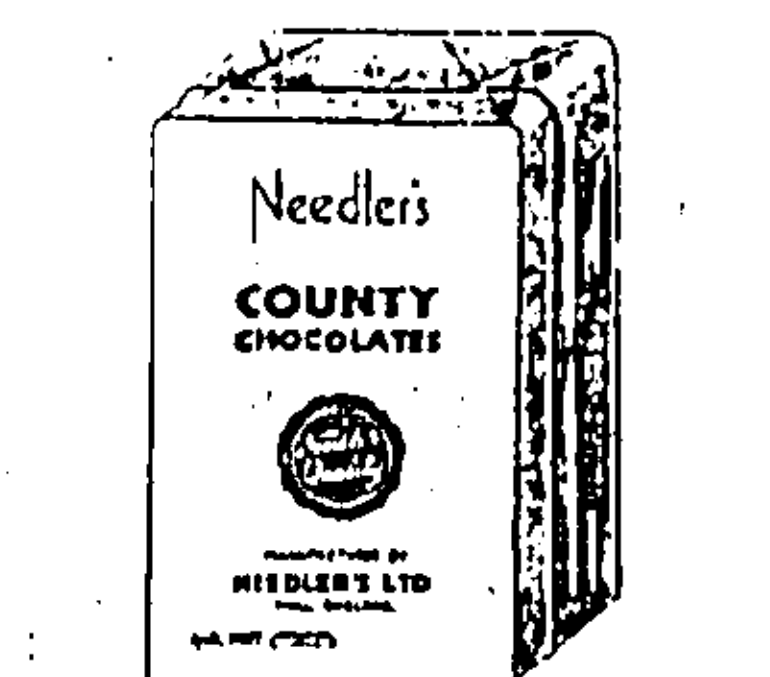
This is about 75,000 tons more than the amount allocated for the first half of 1948 and represents about 45 per cent of the amount of rice which was imported by claimant countries in a comparable period before the war.

Unsettled conditions, combined with bad weather, in some of the great rice producing and consuming countries have retarded the comeback of rice production. Although overall production is near that of before the war, FAO said, the demand resulting from growing population and from efforts to raise diet levels has limited the amount of rice available for export.—Associated Press.

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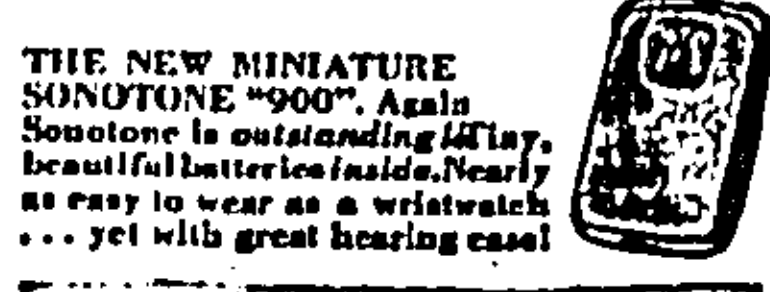
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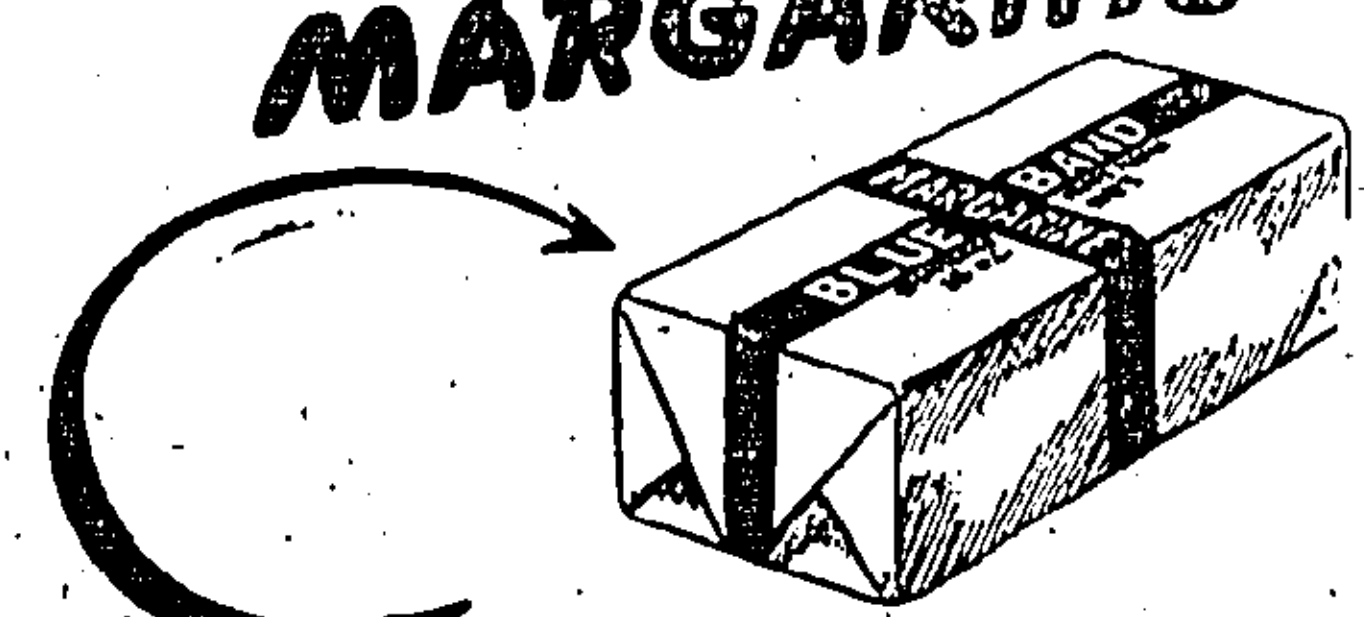
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A Christmas Sreial Story

MRS. SANTA CLAUS

She fairly flew to the creek, waded knee-deep over the ford and then ran to a point where she could stop Dolph. She was panting from her efforts, and the run trembled uncertainly until she rested it on a rock.

"Dolph!" she warned. "Are you mad? Making war on women and babies. Stop it!"

"Dolph!" he yelled, and started to flee.

"Stop, or I'll let you have both barrels."

"Make up your mind right now," he said between his teeth. "Are you Elliott or Morgan?"

"I'm Trent until I change my name to Elliott," she retorted. "Stop! Don't make me do it. My name was Trent!"

He tossed his head and laughed a barbaric, snorting laugh, then swung toward the forest.

"Last chance, Dolph," she warned.

Again he laughed and spurred the stallion on. Then she fired. Dolph cursed with surprise and pain, the stallion took the hit in his left hind leg, and nothing Dolph could do would stop him.

Marion, blinded by tears, ran to the spot where she had last seen the Morgan baby. She jumped down and gently lifted the blanched form. "Poor little kid," she murmured.

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By Frank Richardson
Pierce

he had been found dead of shot wounds, rumours that he had left the country for good.

Occasionally, dust clouds on the horizon marked Bill Gallop's movements. This impressed Elliotts and Morgans with the fact that he meant business, and yet it also increased the Elliotts' defiance.

Marion held grimly to her plans. Two days before Christmas, the Elliotts and Morgans each sent down the gifts the women had made for the children. Some names were painfully scrawled on cheap paper, but she managed to decipher them.

Bill Gallop showed up the day before Christmas. "I guess I've chased your wild Indian out of the country," he said. "I can't find a trace of the cuss."

"You're sure, Bill, he isn't badly wounded?"

"No, I checked on your shooting, Marion," Bill said. "And the worst you could do would be to make him mad. Considering I've run your boy friend from hell to breakfast, do you still want me for Santa Claus?"

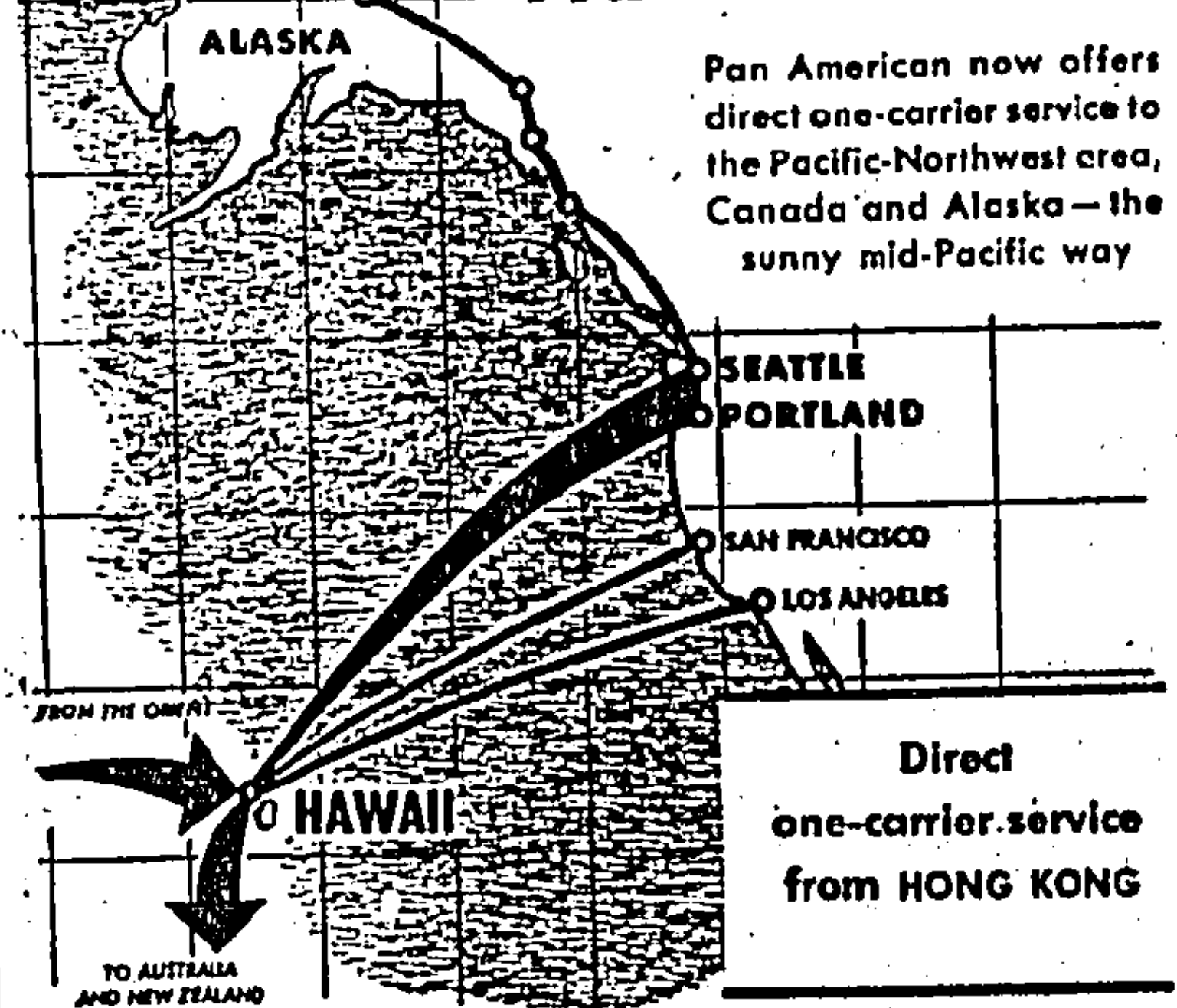
"I most certainly do," Marion answered. "Whatever happened, Dolph brought it on himself."

"But that don't help your headache none," Bill said sympathetically. "I've never known a braver girl. And I've been around some."

"Thanks, Bill. You've been sweet from the first," she said. "Which some isn't hard to be when you're around," he told her.

As he left, Marion had a mental picture of the Morgans and Elliotts crowded into the schoolroom. Now that Dolph was being hunted, the Elliotts would be harder to handle than ever.

From that hour, Marion faced the future with increasing dread. The chimney committee had done its work well. They had painted the wooden framework red, then made cross marks with white to suggest brick. And it looked like the real thing.

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tion. The women were finding their enemies were without claws, and the men were learning that their rivals didn't possess horns.

"Something for Jed Morgan," Santa said, and when Jed came up, he added, "Glad to see you got over your wound."

"Thanks," Jed said, looking surprised. "Just a scratch. I'll be something to show my grand-kids how tough I was."

"Well! Well!" Santa exclaimed. "Something for teacher, too. She gets several packages and a kiss from Santa Claus for being a good girl."

"Well, I guess Bill Gallop deserves a kiss for all he's done," Marion thought.

The children giggled with glee as the teacher was kissed. She never dreamed Bill could kiss like that, then Santa said, "Darling, I couldn't keep away."

"Dolph!" Marion exclaimed. "You shouldn't have risked it. Where's Bill?"

"Tied up in your cabin," Dolph answered. "I didn't hurt the cuss. I had to come and tell you that you were dead right from the start. I had to see you when you'd won."

"You've made my day happy, Dolph," Marion whispered.

"Hey, Santa!" a Morgan yelled. "No secrets."

"We're trying to decide what songs we'll sing," Marion explained, flushing slightly. "I've something for you, Dolph, in my cabin. I'll get it later."

She sat down and looked at her own gifts—napkins and towels from the different women and a toilet set which she would always have from the children.

Dolph had slipped in a marvelous fox necklace, and she was quite sure he had trapped the animal and tanned the skin himself. When she looked up, Santa Claus was standing in front of her. "Come on and start the singing, Mrs. Santa Claus," he said.

"All right, Mr. Santa Claus," she answered. As she sat down at the organ, the door opened and Bill Gallop came in. He sat down without a word.

They sang several carols, then Ephraim Morgan, who liked to play, took Marion's place and started the old songs. Gradually, Marion worked her way out of the crowd. Old Pop Elliott and Dad Morgan were talking angrily, and the girl's heart ached.

"I tell you right now," Pop Elliott was saying, "we ought to be took out and shot. Look at them cattle prices. If we'd showed half as much pull as your young uns have, Scatter Creek beef would be leading the field."

"By golly," Dad Morgan answered, "we're going to put it up where it belongs—the best beef in the West."

Marion stopped in front of Bill Gallop. "So Dolph tied you up and you got loose," she said. "What next?"

"Yes, Bill, what next?" Dolph echoed. "I've had my fun and I'll pay the bill." He didn't look much like Santa Claus now, for all his clothes.

Bill Gallop grinned. "An Elliott got ticked by lead, and so did a Morgan, so that balances. As for the law—well, the Elliotts and Morgans are seeing eye to eye. Instead of an eye for an eye. And that's all that law wanted in the first place."

Dolph slipped his arm about Marion and stepped outside. They hurried to the cabin and she helped him remove the Santa Claus outfit. He brushed his hair hastily. "I suppose," he said, "we'll have to hurry back before we're missed. But first, Mrs. Santa Claus—"

She smiled softly and put up her lips. He bent his head lower as her arms tightened around his neck. "It's been a rough trail, darling," he said. "but it looks right smooth ahead. We couldn't get married January first, could we and start the new year right?"

"Yes, if we can get the Elliotts and Morgans to approve of a married schoolteacher," she answered.

From the schoolhouse came the blended voices of Elliotts and Morgans singing a Christmas carol. "From now on," Dolph said, "they're going to agree on a lot of things. They might as well start in by agreeing on Mrs. Dolph Elliott teaching school."

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KWANGTUNG GOING AHEAD WITH BIG RECONSTRUCTION SCHEMES

Canton, December 22.

China's civil war and economic and financial crises have affected but not stopped Kwangtung from forging ahead slowly with its reconstruction plans.

Much has been accomplished in making up the leeway of industrial and agricultural progress caused by the war and several ambitious schemes are now in hand or are being planned.

London Stock Exchange

London, December 22. Colliery shares were in keen demand today. Those companies having coke oven interests were particularly supported and recorded many useful gains.

Elsewhere, there was very little attraction in price levels. All sections were steady but little and showed occasional firmness.

Government securities were brilliant at the start of dealings but closed with hardly a change on the day.

In the industrial section, there was renewed interest in textile shares.

Oil was irregular. Leaders, however, managed to record small improvements in quiet trading.

There was selective support for Railways.

SECURITIES:

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1950/51	105-5/16
Savings Bonds, 3½%	104 1/8
1948/49	103-1/16
1949/50	103-7/16
1950/51	103-5/16
Exchequer Bonds, 4½%, 1950-1955	105 1/8
Redemption Stock, 3½%, 1950/55	100

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Japanese 5½%, 1907/53	16

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—Reuter.

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Hong Kong, Dec. 23, 1948.

One of the schemes which has already made substantial progress is the development of Whampoa. Whampoa is serving coastal steamers which are almost daily coming in with hundreds of refugees from North and Central China. A great part of the installations has been completed and it is now planned to connect by rail this part of Canton area with the Canton-Kowloon Railway.

One big scale project planned is the construction in Northern Kwangtung of a hydro-electric power plant the initial stage of which will cost nearly US\$10,000,000. When completed the plant will contribute considerably to industrial expansion throughout the Province as well as opening the way to the Province's rich mineral resources which are as yet untouched or not fully tapped.

The site chosen by the Chinese Resources Commission for these Resources undertaking is in the Wong Kiang area (Yung River) in Northern Kwangtung and in conjunction with it there is also a plan to build a series of dykes to control summer flood waters which flow to and inundate Southern areas almost yearly.

Building of this power plant will probably depend upon the course of the civil war. At the moment construction is to begin early next year.

When completed the plant will provide employment for over 4,000 people, supply 40,000 kilowatts from two generators initially and later 60,000 kilowatts from four generators.

Canton would itself benefit since the Wong Kiang plant would serve the Southern area of the Province too.

Agriculture has figured prominently in Kwangtung's reconstruction plans. The object is to get very much more out of the land not by wholesale, injudicious cultivation but by gradually educating traditional farmers to modern methods which would combine greater productivity with continued preservation of the soil. In this connection there was talk recently of the establishment of a model modern-method

experimental farm for the benefit of farming throughout the Province. Continual measures are being drafted and implemented for the further promotion and improvement of agriculture in Kwangtung.

Fishing Industry

Fishermen are also being extensively helped with modern equipment which has been made available under American aid.

Canton is itself evidence of some of the reconstruction progress achieved. Big sections of wartime neglected, hole-pitted roads have been repaired while the sewage system in several districts has been overhauled. These are small things in themselves but they are nevertheless notable as part of overall progress which the financial ills of the past have not stultified.

SILVER AND GOLD MARKETS

London: Silver, Spot fine ounce 42 1/2d, Forward 42 1/2d; Bar, Gold, per fine ounce 172/3.

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Hong Kong Stock Exchange

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(New) 4 1/2
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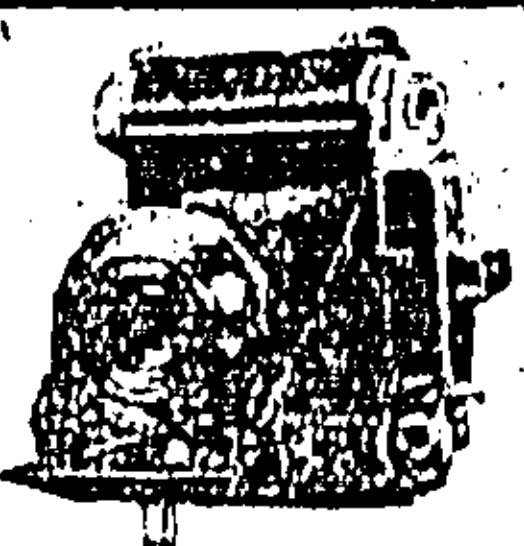
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TRIANGULAR CRICKET TOURNAMENT FOR XMAS

(By "MIDON")

Chief interest in cricket over the holidays will be centred on the Triangular Tournament match between Club and the Army, but by the look of things as they now stand (I am writing with due respect to the Clerk of the Weather), it would appear that prospects for an enjoyable game are somewhat on the slim side.

Be that as it may, the Club should start off the Tourney with a win to their credit, with Stokes, Howarth, Owen-Hughes, Pearce all playing in good form.

The Army, however, are a really well-balanced side, but they depend, perhaps, too much on Stokes, and if the wicket remains as it is at the moment, I fear he will not be as dangerous as on a dry, hard wicket.

Exhibition Of Paintings At HK Hotel

In the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel 40 paintings by Mr. J. Valence are on view until December 27.

No more exciting work has been exhibited in this colony since the war days, when Mrs. King-Fredrickson turned out small, one-man, one-woman, or youth, but here, now, is a masterly collection of many more, a superb manipulation of paint and rare sense of decoration.

There are the virtues of a fine painter, but Mr. Valence is more than that; he is also an artist. To distinguish artists from painters is no more affecting. There are many very competent painters, but few of these possess that rare quality which enables them to create pictures portraying more than is seen by the eyes alone.

Mr. Valence's art has plenty to say, though it speaks to us in the realms of the New Impressionists and of Cubism in particular. No one should quarrel with that; the Valence accent is always there, especially in colour. Occasionally, as in the large canvas, "Entombment of Jesus," one is too conscious of the borrowed idiom to fully gauge the artist's depth of feeling. But one cannot blame an artist for his youth, and if Valence is not yet as articulate as Guggenheim, one will beguile him a few years in which to perfect his own language.

No art-lover should miss this splendid exhibition. Of all recent art-shows this one invokes the compassionate deficiencies of all art-lovers to set about securing a space in this city where fine paintings can be decently exhibited.

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The increased scale of solicitors' fees, which is 66.2/3 percent above the last pre-war level, will remain in force for another year, that is, until December 31, 1949.

Legislative effect to the extension was given by Legislative Council yesterday when it approved the rule made by the Chief Justice on December 14 under section 32 of the Supreme Court Ordinance 1937.

Reason for the extension was that the situation as regards increased costs and expenses falling upon solicitors still obtained.

Hong Kong's Teams vs. Korean XI

Teams to represent Hong Kong, Combined Chinese and Combined Non-Chinese against the Korean Soccer XI are as follows:

HONG KONG

Cordell (Army), Rocha and

Hsu Keng-sing (St. Joseph's),

Weatherall (Army), Captain,

Song Ling-sing (SCAA "A"),

Chang Kuan-ho (SCAA "A"),

Xavier (St. Joseph's), Muller

(Club), Kwok Yung-kee (Kit

Club), Kienan (Club) and Omar

(St. Joseph's).

Reserves: Hau Yung-sung, Yu

Yiu-tak (SCAA "A"), Craighead

(Army), Chan Man-chi (KMB)

and Ruffery (Navy).

Team Manager: Mr. A. Mc-

Alpine.

COMBINED CHINESE

Yu Yiu-tak, Hau Yung-ming

(SCAA "A"), Hsu Keng-sing (St.

Joseph's), Lau Chung-sung

(SCAA "A"), Tse Kam-hung

(SCAA "A"), Song Ling-sing

(SCAA "A"), Chang Kuan-ho

(SCAA "A"), Kwok Yung-kee

(Kit Chee), Chan Man-chi (KMB)

and Chu Wink-keung (SCCA

"A").

Reserves: Tsang Wing (Police),

Tam Chun-fai (KMB), Chan

Kam-pui (CCA), Tang Yee-let

(KMB) and Au Chi-yin (SCCA

"A").

Team Manager: Mr. K. K. Ip.

Cordell (Army), Rocha (St.

Joseph's) and Craighead (Army).

Weatherall (Army), Leonard (St.

Joseph's), Captain, Santos (St.

Joseph's), Xavier (St. Joseph's),

Marsden (Army), Ruffery

(Navy), Kienan (Club) and

Omar (St. Joseph's).

Reserves: Leck (Club), Tozer

(Navy), Farrow (Club), Muller

(Club) and Brown (Army).

Team Manager: Captain H.

Chinnell.

Coach and Trainer: Mr. Eric

Keen.

Club Secretaries are requested

to instruct players of their Club

to report for training under the

supervision of Mr. E. Keen on the

following days at Caroline Hill:

Tuesday, December 28; Wednes-

day, December 29 and Thursday,

December 30, from 5 to 7 p.m.

ANNUAL CCC CRICKET MATCH

The annual cricket match between

married and single members of

the Craighower Cricket Club will

be played at Happy Valley on

Boxing Day, Sunday, December

26, at 11 a.m.

The following teams have been

selected:

Married: C. W. Lam, G. Hong

Choy, B. W. Bradbury, A. H.

Rumjahn, A. H. Ismail, R. O.

Baker, P. Emmell, A. M. Omar, A.

W. Kuruneri, S. A. Fowler and

J. L. Youngs.

Singles: S. Richardson, R. Tay,

T. Crabtree, J. C. Koh, I. M.

Omar, S. Leonard, N. Leonard, J.

Crawford, F. Woodley, J. Starkey,

J. E. Mogra and K. Y. Tam, 12th

GOLF STARTING TIMES

OLD COURSE

Saturday, December 25:

9.32 F.D. Hunter-E.T. McMillen

Sunday, December 26:

9.32 F.D. Hunter-McLaren

Monday, December 27:

9.40 D.A.O. Davies-J.C. Pearce

9.44 N.A. Brown-N. Arthy

9.48 E. Matheson-J.B. Barry

Tuesday, December 28:

9.44 D.B. Robb-L. Goldman

9.48 G.D. Carter-R.H. Coombe

9.52 F.D. Hunter-E.G. Price

9.56 D.L. Presher-J.S. Dunnett

10.00 J.D. Clague-N.A. Brown

10.04 D.A.O. Davies-K.S. Kinnear

10.08 E. Matheson-F. de Jong

PRINT OF 1948

The "China Mail" Cup Com-

petition for the Print of the Year,

sponsored by the Photographic

Society of Hong Kong, will be

decided at the Society's monthly

meeting on Wednesday at the

Cinema Club. The

meeting and dinner will

start at 7.30 p.m.

Referees' Committee Considers Protests

Strong protests from the South China Athletic Association and St. Joseph's Football Club against Mr. C. Tunstall were considered by the HKFA Referees Sub-Committee last night.

The protests were in connection with Mr. Tunstall's handling of last Sunday's First Division soccer match between South "A" and St. Joseph's, which ended in a win for South China "A" by four goals to three.

The meeting was adjourned when Mr. Tunstall, who had claimed that he was being persecuted, refused to answer any hard questions and asked for an adjournment to enable him to go more fully into the allegations which had been made against him.

Mr. Tunstall also made it clear to the meeting that he would, pending a decision in this matter, decline any appointment to act as referee.

In their protest, St. Joseph's Football Club complained about the continuous blowing of the whistle by Mr. Tunstall for infringements apparent only to himself.

It was alleged that Mr. Tunstall's actions during the match and at the interval (in the dressing room) left no doubt that he was out to penalise one and all.

St. Joseph's said that the first and second penalty left much to be desired.

Reference was also made to the incident when two South China players, collided in attempting to clear the ball. It was alleged that Mr. Tunstall, with the pre-conceived thought that it was a deliberate foul, blew up but on realising his error, re-commenced play by "dropping the ball".

An allegation was also made that Mr. Tunstall exceeded his authority in cautioning Omar of St. Joseph's when the latter collided with Hau Yung-sung of South China, when both attempted to play a "high ball".

South China's protest alleged that Mr. Tunstall was wholly inefficient and incompetent and was not fit to officiate at any football match in Hong Kong.

At a meeting of the Emergency Sub-Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association yesterday, it was held that Tse Kuan-ho of South China "A" who was sent off the field during last Sunday's soccer match between South China "A" and St. Joseph's had no case to answer. The charge which was brought against him by Mr. C. Tunstall, the referee in charge of the game, was accordingly dropped.

Shipping Briefs

More than 350 tons of household and personal effects, motor cars and general cargo arrived here aboard the American vessel Luke-lund, Victory yesterday from Shanghai.

Twenty tons of luggage were discharged, while the remainder is in transit. The Luke-lund Victory is due to leave today for San Francisco via Guam.

There were no European passengers but she had four Chinese cabin class passengers. The effects belong to evacuees who left North China earlier.

The British motor ship Glenorchy brought about 800 mail bags yesterday from Middlesbrough via the Straits, besides 3,000 tons of general cargo and 40 tons of turpentine. She has 18 European passengers.

Making her debut in local waters, the Norwegian steamer Gerna arrived here from Yokohama in ballast to take over a new assignment by a local charterer.

She is expected to run on a round-the-world service. Wallen and Company are the local agents.

The newly-converted Korean motor junk, Tai Shan Teak, now lies off the Survey Anchorage of the Marine Department to be surveyed for a motor junk licence.

Spick and span in her black-paint hull with a small, compact upper structure, the vessel was recently converted for the coastal cargo service. She was formerly the Chung Kwang.

The Tai Shan Teak flies the Chinese flag and has an all-Chinese crew of 195 tons. She has a gross tonnage of 195 tons.

A Chinese stowaway saw Hong Kong for the first time yesterday, but for a few minutes only—when he was carted off by the police.

Police found him among five Chinese deck passengers who arrived here yesterday by the ss. Hin Sang from Sandakan.

Among the 3,000 tons of cargo carried by the steamer was a large quantity of timber.

At the Marine Court yesterday the Yuk-sing, master of the motor junk Sing Yau Lee, was remanded until today because his counsel was not available.

Summoned by the Court for conveying passengers without a licence, defendant is represented by Mr. A. C. Connor.

Sub-inspector Mayor prosecuted Mr. D. G. Cairns as a magistrate.

For attempting to replace an unserviceable fire extinguisher, the 35-year-old master of a motor-junk was cautioned by Mr. Cairns. Leung Chai told the Court that he had lent an extinguisher to be refilled but being forced to leave without it, he took a small apparatus. Police found only four

MCC Tourists Score 161 For 7 Against Natal

Christmas Messages

Messages have been received in the Colony from the Minister of Transport and the Secretary of State for the Colonies. The Messages read:

"As Minister of Transport, I send best wishes and thanks to all those who by their unstinted efforts have made it possible for our merchant seamen to enjoy Christmas in clubs and hostels overseas."

"My cordial greetings also go out to all ranks of the Merchant Navy and I trust wherever they may be they will enjoy themselves at this traditional time of festivity and good fellowship. A Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to you all."

The Secretary of State for the Colonies added: "I wish to associate myself with message from Minister of Transport and in particular to send very warm greetings and good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all members of the Merchant Navy coming from Colonies."

I am glad once again to have an opportunity of expressing my high appreciation of the good work which is being done for the welfare of the merchant seamen at many Colonial ports."

On the evening of December 20, Yu Fat went to the Good World Theatre to purchase tickets for the last performance. Objecting to having to queue up, Yu made an attempt to go up front but was prevented from doing so by the theatre attendants, including Hui Ping.

While arguing with the theatre employees, Yu was told to go away by the men's female employer. He did so but not before he had given Hui a punch on the face.

About 12.15 a.m. on December 21, Hui was leaving the theatre when he saw a few men waiting outside. He got in touch with Detective-Sergeant Li Chau-shing at the Shamshui Police Station.

Det-Sgt. Li went to the scene and, at Boundary Street near Lai-chikok Road, saw Mak and Ip. On being arrested, Mak was found to be carrying an iron bar wrapped inside a newspaper, while Ip had a hooked iron bar with him.

Both these men were employed by the Health Department and the instruments found on them should have been returned to the office after they had finished work.

When charged, first and second accused said that they were carrying the iron bars for their own protection. This, according to Det-Sgt. Brown, led the police to believe that they had been incited by the third accused to beat up Hui when he left the theatre.

Yu was arrested later in the morning. Defendants were fined \$75, or three weeks' imprisonment, each.

Inspector J. Orem prosecuted.

Holder of a lorry driving licence, Tai Pok-man took private car No. 122 down Nathan Road on Wednesday morning to park it in the central parking area. When he neared the Dairy Farm, he turned to the right without giving the appropriate signal.

Mr. E. C. Luscombe, Divisional Superintendent of 2nd Division, Kowloon, who followed behind, had to swerve to the left to avoid a collision.

Before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, he pleaded guilty to the charges of driving without valid licence and failing to give a signal. He was fined \$25.

Inspector J. Orem prosecuted.

The Chairman and Committee of the Boys and Girls' Association's Bantley Camp acknowledge with thanks the following donations:

Hong Kong Stock Exchange Association Ltd. HK\$400; Mrs. Edgar HK\$100; Arnold Trading Co., Ltd. HK\$100; China Emporium (as prize for the Camp stall at the fair) HK\$50; Mr. W. H. Young HK\$100; Helen Bradley Co., Ltd., motor boat hull; China Motor Bus Co., Ltd., half price pass; Gloucester Hotel 16 blankets; Mr. Stevenson 4 blankets; Miss Diana Han (to sell) 4 paintings.

The Club de Recreio is holding its Annual Xmas Children's Party on Sunday, December 20, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

The kiddies, from tiny tots to junior misses and boys, will have a grand time watching their speed in a series of flat races.

Tan and sweets will be served during the course of the afternoon. A distribution of balloons will also take place.

Mrs. W. M. Lawrence, Hon. Secretary of Ladies Section of the Club de Recreio will distribute the prizes.

Sir Frederick Bantling died in a plane accident over the Atlantic during the war while serving with the Canadian armed forces.

Ladysmith, December 22. The MCC touring cricketers today began a two-day match against Natal County Districts and when stumps were drawn had scored 161 for 7 wickets after dismissing the home side for 131.

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Dismissal of three men with catches. Gladwin then came into the picture and sent back three men for 14 runs, but Gladwin (23 not out) and Henderson (20) put on 49 runs before Young took a return catch from Henderson to finish the innings.

The touring players had their troubles and though Simpson and Palmer engaged in a stand of 54 for the second wicket, six men were out for 106 and it seemed that Natal might gain a lead.

Tremlett (33 not out) and Gladwin (12) stopped that prospect by taking the score past Natal's before Gladwin was out, and then Becker helped Tremlett in an unfinished stand of 20 for the eighth wicket before stumps were drawn.—Reuter.

Eight \$10 Notes, And Then There Were Only Seven

A stranger in Hong Kong, Chan Yee-tat approached a man at Kansas Street, Kowloon, on Wednesday afternoon to have eight HK\$10 notes changed into HK\$1 notes.

The other man very graciously changed by standing around that area for some time in his endeavour to get the notes changed but after a few unsuccessful attempts, he handed the money back to the stranger, slipping one note up his sleeve.

When the stranger found that he received only seven \$10 notes, he was indignant and a dispute arose during which the other man denied most vehemently that he had been guilty of dishonesty.

Finally a policeman came along and to settle the matter, searched for the missing HK\$10 note was found in his sleeve.

Brought before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, Ng Cheung-wing was given two weeks in prison for larceny.

Inspector J. Orem prosecuted.

Tan Wing, a 25-year-old teacher of the Hing Yan School of 156 Taiipo Road, first floor, was charged before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday on two counts of gross indecency with a 12-year-old boy in the school on November 21 and December 21.

On the application of Sub-inspector J. H. Evans, defendant was remanded for seven days in custody.

Inspector J. Orem prosecuted.

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